RECEIVED
MAY - 9 2005
HAMILTON COLLEGE

Volume XXXXV Number 26
A Hamilton College Student Publication, Clinton, NY
May 6, 2005

The Spectator

"Older than the New York Times"

Astronaut lectures on future exploration of Moon, Mars

by Caitlin Rochford '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

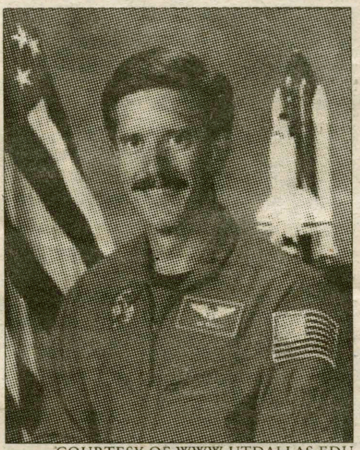
Dr. Jim Reilly, an astronaut and geologist with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), gave a lecture to the Hamilton community titled, "Future Exploration Programs for Human Exploration: Moon, Mars: The Next Steps in our Journey." The presentation was attended by roughly 50 students, faculty and community members and was held in the chapel on Sunday, May 1, 2005.

Reilly began his presentation with a description of what happens on board a shuttle right before takeoff. He said the astronauts get on board the shuttle six hours before takeoff to start preparations.

The shuttle comes out of the launch pad at 120 miles per hour and will reach 17,500 miles per hour before it stops accelerating, according to Reilly. At 150,000 feet above sea level, the shuttle will drop its rocket boosters and rely on momentum. The rocket boosters, which are dropped in the ocean, are picked up by boats and returned to NASA to be used over again.

Reilly next spoke about the technological advances that occurred in the 20th Century and the changes that will be seen in the 21st Century.

"The 20th Century was a remarkable century, and we are going to see an incredible rate of change in this century," he said.



COURTESY OF WWW.UTDALLAS.EDU

NASA astronaut Dr. Jim F. Reilly.

100 years ago, Reilly pointed out, the most advanced airplane could only travel a few hundred

*see **Reilly**, page 2*

Alcohol Coalition advocates return to points system

by Tess Patalano '07
NEWS WRITER

The members of the Alcohol Coalition invited the Hamilton campus to a Town Meeting last Thursday, April 28, to discuss the recommendations they will be submitting to President Stewart.

"The Coalition made a number of recommendations that we have been working on through the course of the year," stated Dean of Students Nancy Thompson.

The Alcohol Coalition was created charged with examing alcohol use on campus last year. Fifteen students and several faculty members formed the Coalition and worked this past semester to address some of the problems related to alcohol abuse.

"The message we got during the Adler Conference was that students wanted to know exactly what would happen if they did something wrong," Thompson stated. In light of this concern, the Coalition has developed a point system for judicial violations.

"We wanted the discipline process to be more clear and transparent," said Direcor of the Adventure Program Andrew Jillings, a faculty member of the Coalition.

Violations will be rated on a 10 point scale. They can include anything from an open container (a 1 point violation) to destruction of public or private property (up to a 10 point violation). A violation of four points warrants parental notice; six points, probation; and a full ten points deems separation from the school. It is then up to the Judicial Board to decide how long the separation will be.

"We wanted to make the system consistent with what we are already doing. We're very comfortable with this," Jillings stated.

*see **Town Meeting**, page 4*

Al Ham Weekend activities moved indside due to inclement weather

by Katie Stinchfield '07
NEWS WRITER

Last weekend Hamilton students, staff and faculty partook in a successful Alexander Hamilton (Al Ham) Weekend full of food, music and entertainment. Events included Friday evening's outdoor movie and Greek banquet, Saturday's Clinton cleanup and May Day music festival, as well as Spring on the Hill on Sunday. The weekend kicked off when student coordinators deposited Al Ham Weekend 2005 beach balls all across campus.

"Things got off to a great start with the beach balls. It was a fun way of getting things started," said TDX President and Vice-President of the InterSociety Council (ISC) Ben Fertig '06.

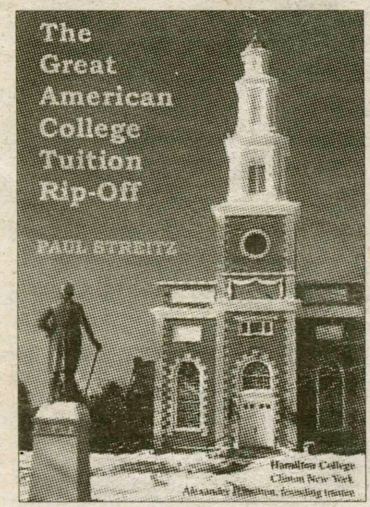
Due to inclement weather, many of the festivities were forced indoors, but according to Student Coordinator Colby Bishop '06, that didn't stop the Hamilton community from enjoying Al Ham Weekend.

"I was very happy with how the weekend turned out," she said. "Of course last year the weather was a bit nicer and so we were able to have the May Day festival and Spring on the Hill outside, but it seemed to work out fine in the Annex. It's unfortunate it was so rainy, but that's the risk we take in Central New York."

According to Bishop, the

*see **Al Ham**, page 2*

Streitz examines Hamilton's tuition



COURTESY OF WWW.AMAZON.COM

Streitz's book features the Chapel on its cover.

by Ian Mandel '06
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Hamilton College officials are dismissing a new book written by Paul Streitz '66, *The Great American College Tuition Rip-Off*, which critically features Hamilton's tuition statistics and even displays a photograph of Hamilton's campus on its cover.

Motivated by his daughter's college search, Streitz began researching tuition at colleges and universities, particularly at institutions like Hamilton. In his 61-page, self-published work, Streitz

*see **Streitz**, page 4*

Students attend DUI lecture to register cars to campus

by Emma Furman '07
NEWS EDITOR

Students bringing cars to campus in the fall were required to attend one of two lectures given this past Tuesday, which were designed to promote awareness about the dangers of driving while intoxicated. "DUI: A Powerful Lesson" was presented by Mark Sterner and drew largely on his own personal experiences.

Sterner works for an agency called Campus Speak, which is dedicated to bringing educational speakers and programs to college campuses. He was brought back to campus by the Alcohol Coalition after speaking earlier in the semester.

Sterner gave two lectures in Wellin Hall on Tuesday, one at 4:30 p.m and the other at 8:00 p.m. According to Director of Campus Safety Pat Ingalls, both lectures were well attended. Out of the 806 students who registered for the parking lottery, only 21 students, along with those who were abroad and could not attend, were not present at one of the lectures. Ingalls also mentioned that a few other students

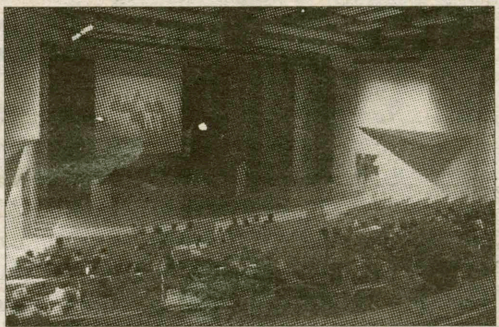


PHOTO BY PHOEBE VICKERS '06

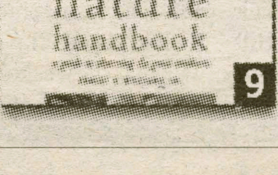
Students filled Wellin Hall to hear Sterner's lecture.

*see **DUI**, page 2*

INSIDE THIS ISSUE...

6 Insights & Ideas
10 Business & Economics
16 Science & Technology
9 Features
13 Arts & Entertainment
20 Sports

Nature Guide



Exploring Mars

Final meet

Faculty discuss Honor Code changes, department renamings

by Alexandra Sear '05
SENIOR EDITOR

The second-to-last faculty meeting of the semester, held this past Tuesday in the Barn, began with a memorial minute for the late Professor of Economics, Emeritus, Sidney Wertimer, Jr. The faculty also held elections for next year's committee membership, voted on recently proposed changes to the College's Honor Code and an on a number of departmental reorganizations and renamings.

Professor of Economics Derek Jones gave a brief biography of the late Professor Wertimer, who passed away in March at his home in Charleston, South Carolina. He traced Wetimer's path to Hamilton and his career of service to the College, including 52 years as a professor, his stint as College Marshal, and highlighted the various prizes and professorships named for Sidney and his wife Ellie.

After handing in their ballots to elect new members of standing committees for the next school year, the faculty heard a report from Associate Dean of Students, Academic, Chris Willemsen about the Honor Court's recent review of the Honor Code and their subsequent recommendations for changes.

Willemsen said one of the main reasons for reviewing the code was to address the problem that, although the Code depends on the idea that "students must be willing to report cheating, give evidence, name names and report at a trial... the vast majority of students are reluctant to take this step."

Based on the discrepancy between actual reported instances of cheating and, on a recent survey, the number of times students say they've witnessed cheating, Willemsen said that "it is safe to say that students do not report the vast majority of cases," and that "this aspect of the Honor Code is not working."

To address this problem, Willemsen explained the two aspects of the Code that the Court recommends changing. One is to "expand the range of accountability and options students have for reporting" cheating, and the other is to redefine the sanctions for certain levels of academic dishonesty.

Some of the new recommended "options students will actually use" are to ask the professor to proctor the exam and to bring back the Hamilton tradition of tapping a pencil on the desk when one witnesses cheating during an exam.

The Court also proposed clarifying the sanctions for instances of academic dishonesty, including enforcing the policy of expelling a student after their second violation.

Willemsen said that the sanctions for a first offense are not clear enough and that the Court recommended to "change the permanent 'XF'" [the mark on the transcript signifying "removed for academic dishonesty"] to a removable XF," which could be changed to an FF after two years, pending no further infractions. Willemsen said that this would give cheating a "higher deterrence value, while also allowing for rehabilitation."

The faculty passed those and the other changes, all of which the student body recently also ratified. The changes can be found at http://www.hamilton.edu/college/dean_of_students/hc/HonorCodewordingchanges.doc.

Following the Honor Code discussion, the faculty voted to separate the department of theater and dance into two separate departments. The motion to do so highlighted that the two were "divergent disciplines, with distinct methodologies and histories," and that "autonomy will give both disciplines greater visibility and the freedom to develop in their own unique ways."

The faculty also voted to change the name of the department of Spanish to the department of Hispanic studies, a change the motion said would reflect the "clear interdisciplinary nature" of the courses offered and the "intercultural specialty of the members of the Department."

The College will also have another minor available to students next year, after approving a motion to create a minor in digital arts. Professor of Art History and Chair of the Committee on Academic Policy Deborah Pokinski said that this is "an emerging area in the arts," and that creating the minor will only require "reframing courses currently taught and on the books." Courses for the minor include, among others, Introduction to Video, Music for Contemporary Media, and Media Form and Theory.

A motion to create a concentration in Environmental Science was tabled until the next meeting.

In the interest of time, President Stewart shortened her re-

*see **Faculty Meeting**, page 4*

Reilly speaks about advances in technology for twenty-first century

*from **Reilly**, page 1*

feet before landing, and in the first 300 years of locomotion, man could only travel "as fast as a horse could carry him, which was about 25 miles per hour."

With the invention of trains, Reilly said, man could still only travel about 50 miles per hour. Now, average commuter planes travel at around 400 miles per hour, and the technology is still improving.

Reilly showed, on a graph, the time gap between military and civilian technologies, which is about 40 years.

"All the money you spend on military technology eventually comes back to the civilians," Reilly said.

One example that Reilly provided was the internet, which began as a high-speed file sharing network for the government. He also spoke about the planes that were used by the military during World War II, which can go to speeds of up to 500 miles per hour and are now being used for civilian travel.

Reilly talked about some of the most advanced technology used by NASA today. With cameras that can show pictures of some of the oldest stars in the galaxy, Reilly explained, scientists are able to view pictures that go 80% back to the Big Bang. From this, scientists are able to predict that in 4.6 billion years, the sun will run out of fuel.

Reilly predicted that in the next several years, NASA will be launching a mission to Pluto. Before that, however, NASA will be sending astronauts back to the moon and to Mars.

Reilly explained that one of the reasons why NASA is so interested in space travel is that other planets have not been changed as much as Earth has been, so studying the surface of other planets could tell us a lot about our own.

"The surface of the Earth has been reworked," Reilly said. "So we can't see what it looked like billions of years ago."

Looking at other planets might help scientists determine what early forms of life on Earth were like.

The youngest rocks on the surface of the moon are older than the oldest rocks on earth, Reilly explained. Looking at the moon, one can see white spots, which are the oldest areas on the surface.

Much can be learned from looking at the surface of Mars, as well. Reilly explained that there are differences in the rocks that are as old as 4.6 billion years and those that are one billion years old. This means that there was some sort of activity on the surface of Mars even in the early years.

"If there was life on Mars, there might still be fossils on the surface," Reilly said.

Reilly said that, after sending another mission to the moon, the next challenge for NASA will be to set up a laboratory and observatory on Mars. This, he said, will probably be done between 2010 and 2012. Reilly also noted that Mars would be a great spot for the next Hubble Telescope, because there is little light and electronic pollution.

When astronauts finally do reach Mars, the thing they will be looking for is the existence of water, which is something that has not been detected by the Rovers that are there now.

"Something is flowing across the surface of Mars and we're thinking it's water," Reilly said.

Reilly also mentioned the discovery of "blueberries," which are large, round hematite deposits that seem to have been formed in the presence of water.

Astronauts will also be looking for the existence of sulfates on the surface of Mars, which would have likely precipitated from water.

"The whole question is: is there a significant amount of water on Mars?" Reilly said.

The existence of water would also help astronauts discover if there is, or ever was, life on Mars.

"If we find something alive on Mars, it's going to be very simple," Reilly said.

Reilly mentioned that there seem to be some fossils of simple organisms from meteors that have hit the earth. "We have what we consider very strong implications for life on Mars," Reilly said.

By 2020, Reilly believes that NASA will have sent humans to Mars. This is an important accomplishment, according to Reilly, because "the human mind is the fastest means of assessing a situation." Reilly said that by sending trained scientists to Mars, more could be learned in a few minutes of observation than the Rovers could ever show.

In order to prepare for the future trip to Mars, Reilly said that NASA is in the process of making the equipment lighter and smaller. Astronauts are also considering other implications of spending a significant amount of time on a planet with no greenery and, possibly, no water. Astronauts will have to learn how to recycle everything they use.

Reilly, who has lectured at Hamilton before, has been with NASA for 15 years and has clocked 16 hours of space walks. Before Reilly, only two other geologists had ever been a part of NASA's astronaut program: Jack Schmidt, of the Apollo program, and Kathy Sullivan.

The lecture was followed by a reception held in the Dwight Lounge in the Bristol Campus Center. There, audience members had a chance to speak with Reilly and get his autograph.

May Day festival, Spring on the Hill moved indoors due to rain

*from **Al Ham**, page 1*

most well attended events were Thursday night's Square Peg's performance in the Pub and the Greek banquet. Unfortunately, the Kirkland police forced the band to stop playing early due to noise complaints from several Clinton residents.

"The band was great, and everyone was dancing and having a good time," said Bishop. "I guess next year we'll just have to turn down the bass a bit!"

The Greek banquet, which featured Greek food and superlative awards, was also well attended. Fertig was chosen as this year's keynote speaker and talked about the need for Greeks to be more involved in campus issues such as the Jitney situation.

"It was nice to be able to give my speech and hopefully motivate Greeks to start making a positive impact on the College, to stop worrying only about how our image looks better by doing things outside the Hamilton community but to start moving our focus to fixing things on campus," Fertig said.

Bishop said she would like to change the setup of next year's banquet to promote more mixing among societies.

"Instead of a banquet style setting, I would like to change it to more of a social setting with food stations, a cash bar and music," Bishop said. "This way Greeks would be able to associate with members of other Greek societies, instead of just those sitting at their table."

Due to rain, both the May Day Festival and Spring on the Hill were moved indoors.

"Regardless of weather, I think that Sunday's Spring on the Hill was great, achieving its purpose of bringing the community together," said Beth Conway '05.

According to Bishop, many of the props they had planned on using for May Day, such as the inflatable volleyball court and obstacle course, would not fit into the Events Barn.

"Other than that, everything else was fine," she said.

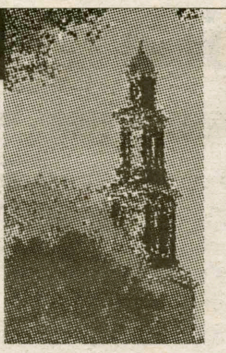
May Day performers included Tim Reynolds, Virginia Coalition, Jennifer Gentle and Pharcyde.

Bishop mentioned that Friday's outdoor screening of *Blue and Buff* and *The Incredibles* did not attract as many people as expected.

"Although the turn out for *Buff and Blue* was great, the crowd died down for the showing of *The Incredibles*," she said.

Nonetheless, Al Ham Weekend was an overall success. As Bishop stated, "I was very happy with how the weekend turned out."

IVORY TOWERS



THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Jon Kuhl '06

'Wizard of Oz' Munchkin Publishes Memoir

NEW YORK (AP) -- It's a simple proclamation that can bring you instantly back to the land of Oz: "As coroner, I must aver / I thoroughly examined her / And she's not only merely dead / She's really, most sincerely dead!"

The munchkin coroner who made that familiar recitation in "The Wizard of Oz"- a confirmation that the Wicked Witch of the East was killed - was played by Meinhardt Raabe.

Raabe's role is just one chapter in a life that has included flying with a Civil Air Patrol during War II and crisscrossing the country with the Oscar Mayer Weinermobile.

The 4-foot-7 Raabe, now 89, has published a memoir about his adventures, including his time on the set of the 1939 film, which he says helped eliminate derogatory terms for little people.

"Since the picture, we've all become munchkins," Raabe (pronounced RAH'-bee) said Tuesday on his way to a book signing in Manhattan. "It's like knighthood."

The book, "Memories of a Munchkin: An Illustrated Walk Down the Yellow Brick Road," describes what it was like to be on the "Oz" set - real trees rooted in the ground, mushroom-shaped Munchkinland houses supplemented with backgrounds painted on muslin and, of course, the yellow brick road.

He recalled dressing for his part, which included wearing a skullcap and being outfitted with dyed yak hair molded into a handlebar mustache and long beard.

Raabe, who walks with a cane and has a hearing aid, still readily repeats his famous lines from the movie - a task he says he's asked to do "every place I go."

Born in Wisconsin in 1915, Raabe was always small for his age because his pituitary gland was underdeveloped. When he was young, he didn't know he was what was then called a midget because doctors couldn't make a diagnosis using the medical technology of the time.

"No one in our area had even seen a midget, much less realized that I was one of them," he says in the book, co-written with Navy Lt. Daniel Kinse.

Raabe first met others like him at the 1933 Chicago World's Fair at an attraction known as Midget Village, an experience he calls "my education in the real world."

He paid his way through college, at first with savings from selling rabbits and ducks in high school and then with wages from appearances and performances at fairs. At the University of Wisconsin he earned a bachelor of arts degree in accounting, but recruiters brushed him off.

"They said, `You belong in a carnival,'" he said. "Well, that's the last place in the world where I wanted to be."

Raabe's tenacity and ability to speak German - a boon to a company that worked with German-speaking butchers - helped him get a job as an accountant with Oscar Mayer at age 23. He worked there for three decades, eventually traveling across the country with the famed Weinermobile and giving motivational speeches in schools.

He had to beg for a leave of absence when he heard MGM Studios was hiring as many little people as possible for a new film starring Judy Garland.

"I thought, `Well, this might be a unique experience,'" said Raabe, who is the oldest of the nine "Oz" munchkins still living.

Raabe said appearing in the film didn't transform his life, but did increase his confidence and helped him build a career in public speaking.

The accomplishment he is most proud of is his service with the Civil Air Patrol, an organization similar to the National Guard. He worked as a ground instructor during the war and says he flew every kind of single-engine airplane made at the time.

Raabe, who lives in a retirement community in Florida, said he decided to write the book in part to spread the message he's brought to schoolchildren as a public speaker:

"There's a job for everybody. It's just a matter of you working hard enough and watching out for the right spot."

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Jon Kuhl '06

Exit Polls: Blair Wins Historic Third Term

LONDON (AP) -- Tony Blair won a historic third term as prime minister Thursday but his Labour Party suffered a sharply reduced parliamentary majority in apparent punishment for going to war in Iraq, according to projections based on exit polls.

Such an outcome, if confirmed by the actual vote count, could set the stage for Blair to be replaced in midterm by a party rival such as Gordon Brown. As Treasury chief, Brown was widely credited for the strong economy that appears to have clinched Labour's victory, outweighing the bitterness many voters said they felt over Iraq.

The BBC and ITV television stations projected Labour would win 356 seats in the 646-seat parliament, ahead of the Conservatives with 209. The Liberal Democrats - the only party to have opposed the Iraq war - were projected in third place with 53 seats, for them a disappointing gain of two seats.

The first eleven seats to be declared were won by Labour incumbents, and one went to the Conservatives, according to official results.

With his majority reduced from the current 161 to 66 seats, Blair could face difficulties controlling a disaffected faction of his party deeply disillusioned with his leadership, especially over Iraq.

Clare Short, who quit Blair's Cabinet over the war, said Blair had proved a liability.

"I think everyone agrees we would have done better with a different leader," Short said.

Former Conservative Defense Secretary Michael Portillo said the projected outcome could prove perilous for Blair.

"On these results I would have thought ... the Brown supporters will be wondering how quickly they can move Tony Blair out of Downing Street," he said.

Counting was to continue through the night, and the winner would not be officially confirmed at least until Friday morning. The outgoing house had 659 seats, but the incoming Parliament will have 646 seats following an adjustment of several electoral boundaries.

The projections, based on a survey of at least 13,000 voters in 115 closely contested districts, showed Labour with 37 percent of the popular vote, the lowest winning share ever.

While Blair apparently was diminished in victory, Conservative leader Michael Howard gained stature as his party lost a third straight election but at least showed some signs of life.

The Conservatives were projected to take 33 percent. The Liberal Democrats were in third place with 22 percent.

A big part of the Conservative strategy was to make it a referendum on Blair, urging voters to "wipe the smirk" off his face. Although Howard supported the Iraq war, he attacked Blair, accusing the prime minister of lying about intelligence and the legality of the invasion and lacking a plan to win the peace.

But Blair benefited from the Conservatives' even greater unpopularity and a perception that the opposition is less capable of handling the economy.

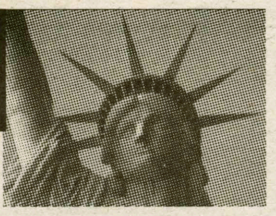
And the government's strong economic record - Britain's growth is high and unemployment low compared to much of the rest of the European Union - appears to have outweighed the resentments over Iraq. Labour is also credited with improving public services such as health and education through investment.

Never before has the Labour Party won three straight elections. Margaret Thatcher accomplished the same feat for the Tories.

Still, the projected victory stood in stark contrast to Blair's landslides in 1997 and 2001.

Under Britain's parliamentary system, in which Blair must command a majority in the House of Commons and some lawmakers often rebel against party discipline, the size of the majority is critical.

NATIONAL NEWS



Compiled by Jon Kuhl '06

Grenades Damage British Consulate in N.Y., Bloomberg not sure of intended target

NEW YORK (AP) -- Two small makeshift grenades exploded early Thursday outside a building housing the British Consulate, just as Britons went to the polls in a national election. The blast caused minor damage and no injuries.

Authorities said they had no clear indication the consulate, which shares the building with several other tenants, was a target. The blasts blew out a glass panel at the building's entrance.

Police were reviewing images shot by 17 security cameras at the building and other locations to try to identify possible suspects. One of the videos raised suspicions that one of the devices may have been thrown from across the street, police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said.

Kelly made an appeal for eyewitnesses to come forward, saying a female jogger, a bicyclist and a taxi were shown on tape around the time of the explosions.

"This is New York," he said. "It's 3:30 in the morning, yet there were people out on the street."

The devices used in the attack were described as replica grenades, normally sold as novelty items, that were stuffed with gunpowder and lit with a fuse.

"We don't know who the particular target was at this time," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said. "There were no threats or phone calls."

Kelly noted that left wing Jewish activists demonstrated last month against another building tenant - a board member of Caterpillar Inc. - over the bulldozing of Palestinian homes. A sponsor of the rally, Jewish Voice for Peace, "only engages in nonviolent activities - period," spokeswoman Liat Weingart said.

The FBI and police questioned and released a Dutch analyst for the United Nations who was lingering near the midtown Manhattan office building after the blasts.

In London, a Foreign Office spokeswoman, asked whether British authorities believed the blast was terrorism-related, said only: "Investigations are ongoing."

"We're not speculating about whether it's connected to the election," she added.

Exit polls indicated that British citizens narrowly gave Prime Minister Tony Blair a third term in Thursday's election, despite public anger over the Iraq war.

The blasts occurred in one of a row of circular concrete planters - placed along the sidewalk to deter car bombers - at Third Avenue and 51st Street, within blocks of police and fire stations and less than a mile from U.N. headquarters.

Security was tightened at the United Nations and officials shut down several blocks surrounding the glass-and-metal office building, which also has stores, a bank and the New York offices of the Japanese newspaper Asahi Shimbun.

In Chicago, police closed a portion of Michigan Avenue near the British Consulate for about 30 minutes to search the area as a precaution.

At the building in Manhattan, workers were allowed in through a rear entrance about six hours after the explosion.

Adele Azzaro, a bookkeeper who works on the 18th floor, said security in the building is tight because of the British Consulate. It has metal detectors and requires workers to use swipe cards to get in.

"The building's very safe," she said. "They check everyone very carefully."

Another building worker, Jessica Velez, 27, had doubts after hearing the mayor urge New Yorkers to go about their business as usual.

"What's a regular day when two bombs go off in front of your building?" she asked.

Alcohol Coalition holds campus wide Town Meeting

*from **Town Meeting**, page 1*

"The advantages of this system are that students know where they stand. It makes all the difference when making decisions. The disadvantages include mandatory sentencing and little flexibility," elaborated Professor of Chemistry Karen Brewer, who is also a faculty member of the Coalition.

However, the list of violations is not all inclusive and students must be found responsible through official hearings before any points are assigned.

"As long as no other violations have occurred over one year, three points will be deducted. But if another violation occurs during the year, the new points will be added and three points will not be forgiven until one year after the most recent incident," Brewer explained.

"There are only four things that are non-negotiable; everything else has a range," added Jillings.

In the current system, parents are notified when their child is on probation.

"The Committee decided to divorce these two notions and tell parents before probation," stated Brewer.

Commenting on the wide spread of points given for physical aggression (from 2-10) Jillings contended that, "A lot of it has to do with the intent as well as the behavior. We tried to avoid a big spread, but it's going to be open to interpretation. You've got to have a little give and take."

Along with the points system, the Coalition forced all students to attend a lecture on drunk driving before receiving parking privileges. Also, alcohol EDU is now required for all first year students, and the First Year Forum will be mandatory beginning with the class of 2009. In the Coalition's report in 2004, they challenged students to reduce vandalism by 50%.

"Vandalism is something we were concerned about and we obviously haven't solved the problem," Thompson explained. As a consequence, the Coalition recommends increased penalties for vandalism.

"Intentionally causing destruction is suspendable. An exception will be made for students who turn themselves in immediately. Students who do so will be assessed no less than 6 points and a fine of $1,000, in addition to paying the cost of their damage." Thompson clarified.

In addition to stricter enforcement, the Coalition recommended the installation of security cameras in public areas.

"There are a lot of pressures on campus not to report vandalism – so how do we catch these people? Place security cameras where we think there will be problems," said James S. Sherman Associate Professor of Government Philip Klinkner.

The Coalition also hopes to increase enforcement of existing College regulations.

"The Feedback at last year's Adler Conference was that we need to be more consistent and we are going to do that," said Brewer.

They would also like to administer a streamlined process for handling minor violations.

"Any student caught in such a violation will be given a written notification by a Campus Safety officer. Students then have two business days to appeal the penalty," she added.

Camera installation and the $1,000 vandalism fine met with some controversy among students attending the meeting. The Coalition members emphasized that the cameras would only be reviewed if an offense is committed.

The $1,000 fine for vandalism seemed harsh to some students. Students recommended the penalty be changed to fine offenders multiples of the original damage instead.

"I think the point system is a great idea. If we improve the relationship between the administration and students I think we can decrease damage and vandalism," said Staunton Peck '06.

Eileen Starrett '05 gave similar positive feedback, stating, "Policies pending to be enacted for next fall are incredibly reasonable. The main goal is getting rid of vandalism, and I think they are definitely working towards reducing it."

College dismisses Streitz

*from **Streitz**, page 1*

concludes that tuition rates rising higher than the rate of inflation have little to do with actual costs.

"Tuition is not driven by cost. In other words, it's not the cost of the institution and how much it costs to educate a student. Tuition is driven by how much money a school can raise. The more money a school can raise, the more money a school will spend. It's driven by spending," he said in a phone interview.

College President Joan Hinde Stewart dismissed the findings, calling them "not founded on any fact or research," and adding, "This is an expression of Paul Streitz's opinion."

Executive Director of Communications Mike Debraggio elaborated on Stewart's statement.

"It has no more value than something that I write without any oversight," he stated, referring to the lack of editorial supervision the book received without being professionally published. "The validity is zero."

Stewart and Debraggio also attacked the accuracy of Streitz's findings.

"His text is rife with errors of every kind possible, including grammatical," Stewart said.

Streitz, however, is adamant that his work accurately portrays a serious problem facing American society.

"Colleges and universities are not socially conscious organizations, although they pretend to be in their financial policies. They are driven to maximize revenues and spend all of those revenues and still ask for more," he stated.

Streitz asserted that he focused on Hamilton in his research for several reasons.

"In the last fifteen years, not much has changed. It's the same campus, it's the same student body. Secondly, it's not complex, like a university, where you have law departments, medical schools and other departments. A private liberal arts school was a good model," he said.

After examining Hamilton's expenditures, Streitz compared Hamilton to Alfred University, what he described as a "non-elite school," and with Williams College because it "has the largest endowment" and "spends a lot more" than Hamilton.

According to Streitz, highlighting Williams shows that schools with larger endowments do not reduce their tuitions, choosing to increase spending instead. Relating that concept to Hamilton, Streitz asserted that, "If Hamilton got a billion dollars tomorrow, it would not decrease tuitions, it would just find ways to spend the money."

Debraggio warned, however, that people should be skeptical of Stretiz's work, as he is not an expert in the field.

"Mr. Streitz's self-published manuscript is equivalent to a senior thesis in public policy, but it is not as well done. At least with the thesis there are multiple reviewers who assist in the preparation of the document to ensure accuracy, coherence and strength of argument. Mr. Streitz's pamphlet would have benefited from such oversight," Debraggio stated. "We share his concern about the cost of American higher education, but we also expect to have a healthy, helpful dialogue, especially from one of our own graduates."

Streitz admits his book hasn't sold many copies. According to Amazon.com, the work ranks number 922,117 in book sales on the website. He did say, however, that the self-published work is part of a book he is currently working on titled *Outsourcing American Jobs*, in which he focuses on free trade, outsourcing and college tuitions.

Streitz is the author of *Oxford: Son of Queen Elizabeth* and ran unsuccessfully for the United States Senate in Connecticut in 2004.

Faculty to participate in conflict resolution training

*from **Faculty Meeting**, page 2*

marks, but mentioned that she has received the report on the Kirkland Project and that she and the Committee on Academic Policy would be discussing it next Thursday.

She also mentioned that there is "an ongoing review of expenditures" from the College budget and that the faculty would hear a report on admissions at the next meeting, the statistics of which "are looking very good."

Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean of the Faculty David Paris also began by speaking to budgetary issues. He said the College is committed to continuing to "be aggressive in faculty development, to pay faculty well, and maintain and perhaps increase financial aid," but that changes need to be made in order to do so.

"Personnel," Paris said, is the College's biggest expenditure," adding that the College hasn't reviewed expenditures in this area. After emphasizing that the College has not "set any numbers at all in decreasing personnel costs," he said that reallocation of positions and the numbers of adjunct and replacement faculty are areas to explore.

Paris stressed that "this discussion is really in a very, very preliminary stage" but that "in the interest of transparency" he wanted to let the faculty know what was going on.

He then announced an upcoming session with an outside facilitator that will take place over the summer and will involve 20 faculty members.

"Over the past couple years conflicts between and among faculty" have been increasing, Paris explained. After the faculty's last closed meeting, he wanted to respond to suggestions that he "get some people in a room," and that though he was originally reluctant to create this special session, "the expectation that things will blow over was just not sufficient."

Consultant Fred Schmidt will conduct the training on campus this summer, including a "discussion on how we can handle our conflicts," as some situations this past year have been "serious impediments to us as an institution and to working productively as a faculty."

Paris stressed that inclusion in the session "does not confer any particular status on anyone," and that he hoped it would be "a conversation among faculty about how we interact," that they would "better understand ways of dealing with our conflicts," and that it would be "an experiment with faculty on how groups inside can work with each other."

Students who did not attend this week's DUI lectures will have another opportunity in the Fall

*from **DUI**, page 1*

who were not planning on brining cars to campus next year attended the lectures as well.

Campus safety took attendance at the lectures by using card swipe units like those used in the dining halls. Students were required to swipe their cards upon entering, and this information was then transferred into the parking lottery system.

Attendence of one of the two lectures was strictly required.

There will be a similar lecture for students who are currently abroad to attend in September upon returning to campus. It has not yet been determined whether or not Sterner will give this lecture as well.

"Students who did not attend the lecture [and are currently on campus] will be assigned to North Lot until they complete the September program," said Ingalls.

However, students will not be allowed to keep their cars on campus if they do not attend this September program.

Ingalls was happy with the turnout and response.

"It was an excellent response," she commented. "We were very, very pleased...I think students kind of grumbled about it in the beginning," she added, but "I didn't hear any complaints afterwards."

Ingalls also commented on the educational benefits of these lectures: "I think that Mark had a very powerful message...I hope that [those who attended] actually learned from his experiences."

The Spectator

"Older than the New York Times"

The Class of 2005 has been extraordinarily good to The Spectator over the years. In all, we will be losing eleven of the most dedicated, hardest-working staff members any of us could ever ask for. They have spent countless hours of their time dedicated to making The Spectator a better publication, and they will leave a tremendous void.

Among those graduating are two former editors-in-chief: Chris Takacs and Kat McGrory. Under their leadership, the newspaper flourished, and we can never thank them enough for the contributions they have made. We have learned so much from them, and they have set an example for all of us to follow. Editing the Spec is a tremendous commitment, and they both dedicated themselves wholeheartedly.

Alex Sear served as Managing Editor for a semester under Chris and two under Kat. She has been as integral a part of the staff as anyone, filling any and all roles, from Spectator mom to copy editor.

Michael Proia has served as Sports Editor and as Senior Sports Editor during his tenure on staff. Over the past semester, especially, his guidance and insight has been integral to production and greatly appreciated.

Whit Rothe and Tim Mudie have consistently impressed us with their knack for arts and entertainment (and Whit's dramatic readings help too!). Their coverage of the arts world has been broad and will be hard to follow.

Brit Chase has brought a unique creativity to the Spectator that will be irreplaceable. Her dedication (and her op-eds) will be missed! Emily Lemanczyk only joined the staff this year, but her contributions to Features have been much appreciated. Her creative layouts and ability to attend any lecture-any time has been amazing!

Nick Lund has done a fantastic job making sure that all the great pictures we print every week actually get taken and formatted correctly. We would be lost without him!

Allison Kerbel has done a terrific job over the years catching those grammar mistakes that we let slide. Her knack for catching the little things will be missed!

Adam Erickson has served as our ad manager, helping us reach out to the local community. Thanks for your work!

The hardest part of belonging to an organization at Hamilton is the reality that every year people will graduate. So, we send off our seniors with all the thanks in the world and with the most sincere wishes for good luck in the future.

The Spectator

Ian B. Mandel,
Editor-in-Chief

Jonathan L. Kuhl,
Managing Editor

Emma J. Furman,
News Editor

Whitney K. Rothe,
Arts & Entertainment Editor
Timothy P. Mudie,
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Tara E. Rosabal,
Office Manager
Rebecca R. Grusky,
Office Manager

Greg Devaney,
Delivery Manager

Katherine Jurras,
Copy Editor

Allison C. Kerbel,
Copy Editor

Kathleen M. McGrory,
Senior Editor

Emily Lemanczyk,
Features Editor

Britten E. Chase,
Insights & Ideas Editor
Whitney Kimmel,
Insights & Ideas Editor

Timothy J. Foley,
Business & Economics Editor

Nick Lund,
Senior Photography Editor
Letty Z. Bedard,
Photography Editor
Robert B. Cole,
Photography Editor

Thomas S. Booth,
Staff Cartoonist

Christopher G. Takacs,
Senior Editor

Alexandra C. Sear,
Senior Editor

Michael L. Proia,
Senior Sports Editor
Katie M. Childs,
Sports Editor
Andrew G. Dassori,
Sports Editor

Caitlin M. Rochford,
Science & Technology Editor

Matthew Palasack,
Layout Editor

Adam Erickson,
Advertisements Manager

Allison Krutul,
Copy Editor

Celebrating our 156th year in print.
First published as *The Radiator* in 1848.

The Editorial represents the opinion of a majority of The Spectator *Editorial Board. The Hamilton College* Spectator, *publication number USPS 612-840, is published weekly by the Hamilton College Student Media Board while classes are in session. Subscriptions are $50 per year. Our offices are located on the third floor of Bristol Campus Center. The deadline for personals, letters and advertisements is Tuesday the week of publication. For further information, please call (315) 859-4100 or (preferably) email spec@hamilton.edu. For advertisements, email spec@hamilton.edu.*

THE ARBOR INN
At
Griffin House

We offer the **closest**
overnight accommodations
to campus.
Located just past Love Field
on Griffin Road.
Five distinctive guestrooms,
all with private baths,
some with television.
Why drive to one of the
area hotels when you can
stay so close?

3919 Griffin Road
859-1790
1-888-424-3074

The Village Tavern
853-8010

Kitchen Hours
Mon-Wed 11:00am-9:00pm
Thurs-Sat 11:00am-2:00pm
Sunday 2:00pm-Midnight
Take-Out and Delivery Available

From the Grill
Hamburger $3.25
Cheeseburger $3.50
Bacon Cheeseburger $4.00
(dressed add .25)
Hot Dog $2.50
Chili Dog $2.75
(sauerkraut add .50)
Grilled Cheese $3.00
(ham, tomato or bacon add .50)
(all served with chips and garlic-dill pickle spear)

Appetizers and Sides
Mozzarella Sicks $4.95
Chicken Tenders $5.25
French Fries sm. $2.25 lg. $3.00
Onion Rings sm. $2.50 lg. $3.25
Macaroni Salad $1.50
Jalapeno Poppers $4.95
Loaded Nachos $4.00
Cottage Cheese $1.25
Cole Slaw $1.25

Wings
12 $5.00
24 $8.75
36 $12.50
48 $16.25
60 $20.00
(mild, medium, hot, garlic, bleu cheese, bbq, sweetsour)

Deli Sandwiches $4.95 - Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef, Salami, Tuna Salad, Tuna Melt, Bologna, BLT...choice of white, wheat, rye or Italian bread
Flat Bread Wraps $5.95 - Grilled Chicken Caesar, Ranch Chicken, Chicken Salad, Veggie, Crab Salad (Friday only)
Hot and Cold Subs sm (8") $5.25, lg (12") $6.25 - Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef, Salami, Bologna, Tuna Salad, Mixed Chicken Parm, Buffalo Chicken, Meatball. Sub Toppings: lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, olives, hot peppers, American, Swiss, Provolone, Cheddar, Mozzarella, Mayo, Oil & Vinegar
(all served with chips and garlic-dill pickle spear)

Special
Wing Night Every Thursday 5pm-Close

Delivery Person Wanted
Flexible Hours and Pay

Insights & Ideas

Saying goodbye: don't take yourself so seriously, Hamilton

by Britten Chase '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

This is it. It's the end of college. I knew it had to be coming up because I now have more gum wrappers on my desk than I have to-do lists, and I cannot find a pen anywhere to save my life. All my notes this week have been taken with jungle-green crayola.

I'm sad. I wish college was more than four years. This has really been great. Living in crappy conditions with your best friends with access to all the ice cream you can eat. Everything you need is approximately 14 feet from you at all times, and they even let you write things in the newspaper.

I wondered why college is so short, so I did a little research. As it turns out, in the end of the 19th century, the U.S Food and Drug Administration did a study. It was discovered that living on solely goldfish and diet pepsi caused serious nutritional disorders if they are the only foods consumed for longer than four years. Hence, the time limit.

Now, I am not the type to get emotional over attending-the-last-class-I-will-ever-fall-asleep-in. Nor did I get choked up when I finished my last crappy paper. Sure, it may be my last crappy paper. But that was a long line of crappy papers. So they had a good run. And its not the papers but the lessons I have learned through all the work that will live on. The skills I have gained to make things up and then act like I know what I'm talking about are going to be needed now more than ever.

Since this is my last article in *The Spectator* (the greatest newspaper ever in the history of the universe (the greatest universe ever)), I would like to take the opportunity to address the campus one last time. After all, this may be the last time where I have something important to say, and people who are actually going to care enough to read it (by people, I of course mean, my suitemates).

It has come to my attention that through the years I may have singled out certain individuals and organizations in my articles. These people have called, e-mailed, written, and occasionally stopped talking to me all together for things I have said.

Now, one thing I have learned in my position of writer (of things), columnist (writer), and editor (regulator) at *The Spectator* is that while it is easy and loads of fun to rip on people or ideas, it is very hard to come together and try to create a club, or organization, or event on this campus that makes Hamilton an easier place to tolerate.

So. To the Admissions Office, the Career Center, Student Assembly, sociology majors, smokers, varsity Christians, collar poppers, homophobes, O.U.R, the Kirkland Project, and anyone else I offended, enraged, or just rubbed the wrong way because of something I wrote these past three years, you really are doing a good job. Except not the homophobes. Or the smokers. Everyone else. Let the record reflect: I am sorry if what I wrote offended you.

But it's not my fault.

You're the ones to blame.

People have been coming up to me all year and asking me, "You're a senior? You're graduating, oh my God, what are you going to do?" For me, the question has always been, "I'm a senior. I'm graduating. Oh my God, what are you going to do?"

It's a tough question to answer. I'm just blessed that I have never had to deal with the prospect of being without...well...myself. I don't know how you all are going to do it. It's going to be rough.

Be strong.

Am I extremely concerened? No, after all, Hamilton seemed to make it along semi-ok before I got here. That's a long time to go without me, if you think about the fact that Hamilton was discovered in 1832. But even that is up for debate, some people say that the Vikings claimed Hamilton 600 years earlier, before even they got too cold and packed up. Other people say that you could never "discover" Hamilton at all because the Indians were here the entire time. Always look upon these people with suspicion.

For real, I do worry. I have a very important job on this campus, and I take it very seriously. I make sure to keep Hamilton in check. Because it is so easy to get wrapped up in all the labs, all the books, all the e-mails, all the papers, all the tests, all the meetings, all the invites, all the internships, all the snow, all the parties, all the societies, all the speakers, all the canceled speakers, all the games, all the anxiety, all the pressure, all the life planning, and all the beers. Hamilton is a place designed to get you focused on becoming an adult, and it's full of people trying so hard to figure out who they are and where they fit in on this campus and in this life.

And way too many times along the way we forget to sit back and laugh at everything we go through trying to figure out just what we are doing in the middle of nowhere New York and what exactly it is that we hope to get out of it.

So yeah. I am worried about you. I am worried that you'll forget getting a B- as opposed to a B on a paper is not a big deal in the whole scheme of life. I am worried that you'll start doing your resume and looking at it as a document that displays your worth, rather than a bunch of stuff you made up to get yourself a job. And most of all, I am worried that at some point, when you least expect it, you will take yourself way too seriously.

So, Hamilton, next year, and even the year after that, please do me a favor. Make sure that at least once a week, you stop, take a deep breath, step out of the box, look around, and then step back into the box. Because whatever you're doing, no matter how important it may seem, is probably going to give you a really good laugh if you look at it right. Make sure that you don't get so worried about the future that you forget how great it really is here. Most of all, make sure that at least once a day, you do something for yourself that you just feel like doing for the hell of it.

Oh, and, don't worry about me. The world is my playground. I bet I run into you all again someday. Not sure when, not sure where, but it'll probably be pretty random.

Till then, see you around.

Final farewells and thoughts on leaving the Hill

by Bill Chenevert '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

Wow. This is pretty strange. The last time I write for this paper. It's been four years of articles, and this one seems so inconsequential. I don't really have much of anything to say, but I knew that I had to write something this week.

Everybody gets so nostalgic right around this time of year. The tendency to declare your lasts of everything is understandable, but it gets old.

Often the question put to seniors is: would you do it all again? Would you come to Hamilton for four years as a freshman if you had the knowledge of what Hamilton is really like? Well I think that's dumb. I'd do a million things differently: I wouldn't have left so much thesis work to the last week, I wouldn't have given the finger to my neighbor when I was six, I would've worked harder for a few more As and a few less Cs. You get the point.

My parents tried to get me to go to SUNY Binghamton with a new car incentive. And certainly I would enjoy a four-year-old Jeep Wrangler these days instead of mom's van but, still, it's SUNY Binghamton, and the van is still pretty badass. And thanks mom and dad, if you read this, for sending me here and sacrificing so much to allow me to go to this money pit. Without Hamilton, I wouldn't have worked at Explo two summers, I wouldn't have gone to Austin, Texas with a travel grant, I wouldn't have gone to ritzy second homes of friends either (Bar Harbor, ME, Aspen, CO, Stowe, VT, etc.) Ooh, that was smarmy but true.

I did apply to transfer sophomore year but only because I started doing journalism stuff at the *Spec* and believed that I had to be a journalism undergraduate major to get into that world. Clearly not true. And at the time I was torn up with the idea of leaving my friends behind; I was pledging and loved my freshman floor in South. Certainly throughout sophomore year in Kirkland transferring didn't cross my mind. Holler at my advisees in K-Town and the 'Ders.

I've made a lot of friends here, a lot of different kinds of friends, through trying different things out and being a social, friendly person. That would be my advice, I guess, to the younger classes: don't be a hermit, join stuff, try out anything that interests you. I'd never done theater of any kind, and Sara Bert put me in the lead role of a half-hour long play. I'd never performed my poetry til Rhymelab - holler A Ho and Critton. I met some of the best people at Hamilton through being an RA. And about three years of service to the Spectator has certainly procured its own set of ties.

The work is hard here but the professors are pretty incredible, most of the time. Kodat, Thickstun, Odamtten, Isserman, Werner, Pulasky, Klinkner, Stevens, Strout, Ambrose, Spires, C. Domack, Oerlemanns, and Pokinski have all been wonderful influences on my intellect. Thanks for that, guys.

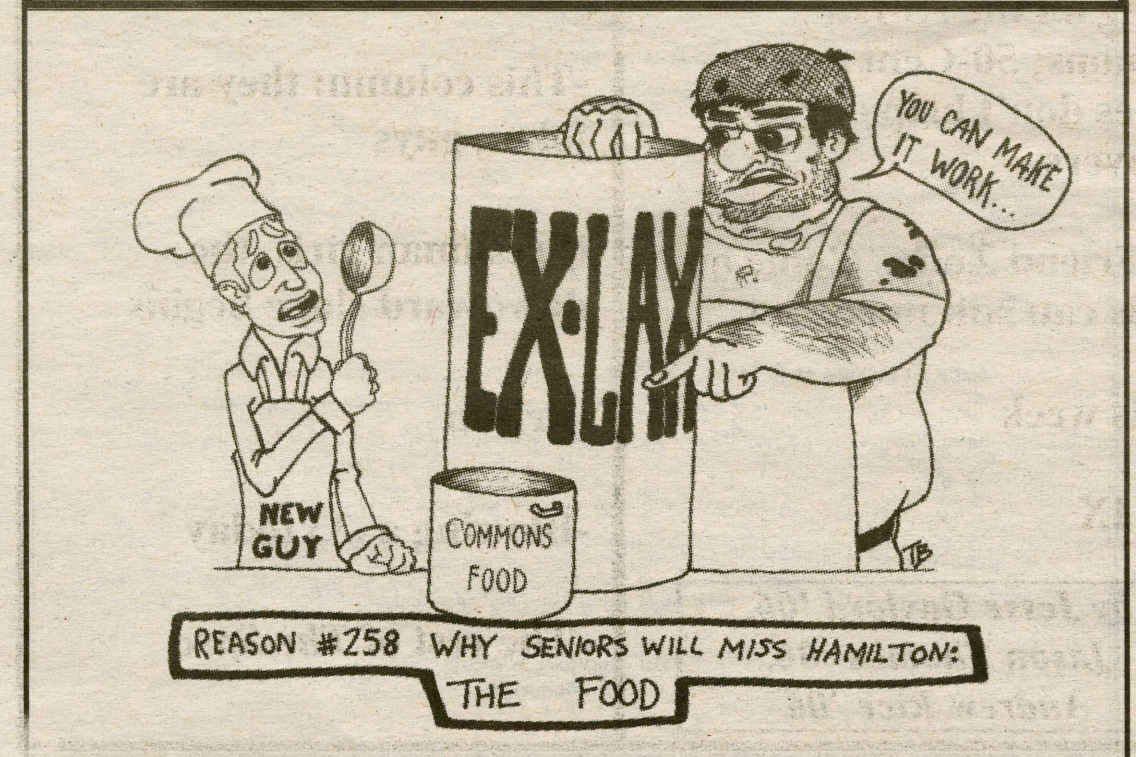
My time at Hamilton has not been without its moments in the national spotlight. And I love that. I hope it keeps up. Lots of schools are all the same; boring, plain, run-of-the-mill. I'd like to think that Hamilton is not satisfied with keeping things the same all the time, and I truly look forward to these moments of scandal in the future - they'll have no bearing on my giving capacities, which will be slim to none.

I will say one more thing before my final farewell. One thing this school, and not really the school but the student body, needs to work on is its openness, its respect for different walks of life other than your own white-bred, east-coast, SUV-driving, collar-popping, frattastic/sorororific, heterosexual way of life. Hamilton is becoming a place where the population outside of the demographic I just mentioned is growing, thankfully. And they're not happy here. *The Spectator* covered a few examples of LBGTQ kids getting harassed, and the new Task Force report is bleak. Non-straight kids are having and have had a tough time here. So I hope future generations of Hamilton students come to campus with an open mind and that current Hamilton students can lighten up.

Alright that's it. And I don't get tired of announcing my future plans, so here goes. I'm going to the University of Oregon in a month and 12 days for a masters degree in magazine journalism. Certainly my *Spec* experience and Hamilton degree helped getting me there. Thanks to my senior class representatives for organizing what promises to be an amazing senior week, and I can't wait to collect my cane with the Class of 2005. We made it. Thanks for reading.

Drawing Criticism

by Tom Booth '06


YOU CAN MAKE IT WORK...
EX-LAX
NEW GUY
COMMONS FOOD
TB
REASON #258 WHY SENIORS WILL MISS HAMILTON: THE FOOD

Future leaders: special thank yous for Student Assembly seniors

by Michael Blasie '07
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR
STUDENT ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

Rarely is the student body or campus community made aware of the countless tasks that engulf the life of a member of the Student Assembly. As I manage and participate in my schedule and responsibilities, I am forced to move at a pace that rarely allows me to stop and give members feedback on how well they are performing their tasks. I always regret not having more time to point out or comment on some of the extraordinary tasks that take place amongst the Assembly. It is with great pleasure that I write to you, the campus community, to recognize some of the most outstanding and incredible members that your Student Assembly has ever seen.

Among the most dedicated and influential members of the Assembly are the Senior Class officers. On top of the standard mounds of responsibilities, they are inherently leaders amongst the assembly members and their committees. Furthermore, they spend the entire year planning the daunting and time consuming task of Senior Week.

The Senior Class Officers are led by their fearless Class President, Elizabeth (Beth) Conway. If you want to learn how to be a leader, just come to the Assembly meetings and watch Beth interact with her fellow officers. Whether it is midterm week or negative forty below, you can always count on Beth to have a smile on her face. She is the kind of girl you would want on any committee because you know that she will get the job done, and get it done right. Her questions are right on target and get to the heart of the matter. In addition, she has very thoughtful comments and suggestions that almost never go without praise. Beth is an extremely caring individual who is highly dedicated to her responsibilities and the task at hand. She cares about the assembly and about this school. Furthermore, she is a wonderful and unforgettable person; you would be hard pressed to find a more kind-hearted and dedicated person at this college. As President, I dread the possibility of disappointing Beth Conway. She is invaluable and deserves the utmost recognition.

Secretary/Treasurer Michael "Oz" Osborne is as brilliant as they come. Michael is not a big talker, but when he does speak, people listen, and they have good reason to. You know that when Michael makes a comment, it is innovative, creative, and vital. He is able to process all of the assembly's information and ensure that no aspect or possible scenario is overlooked. He is a fun-filled jovial gentleman who has a great time fulfilling his responsibilities. His caring and lightheartedness can always lift your spirit several notches. Additionally, Michael is loyal to the Assembly and to his fellow class officers as he shows concern for all of our well-being. With him by your side, you are energized to take on the most intimidating of tasks. It is not everyday that you meet someone who could double as either Maverick or Goose.

When you are in the pressure cooker and need someone to cool things down, Senior Class Representative Nii Ato Bentsi-Enchill is your man. No matter how busy or relaxed our Assembly meeting is, I can always rely upon Nii to be calm, cool, and collected. He is very down to earth and gives it to you straight. He has been heavily involved in the Assembly and jumps into a task and gets his hands dirty. Nii has an uncanny ability to communicate. When he is done speaking, you understand every word he has said. His hand gestures, analogies, and direct speech are vital in carrying a discussion and bringing up significant points. He is also the only person I know whose questions are just as influential as his statements. Nii is full of energy and life. You always know that he is paying close attention and is thinking outside the box. When you need someone to spice things up and hit one out of the park, Nii is your man.

One of my favorite people of all time is Senior Class Representative Janine Knight. Few words can describe Janine without being drastic understatements. She is a great person whose caring knows no bounds. She is always ready to smile or laugh as she remains a steadfast source of sugar, spice, and everything nice. She loves to laugh with you and is always willing to support those who need it. She is respectful, polite, and a great person to be around. You cannot help but feel warm and cozy around her, which makes it very easy to talk with her. Her gentle voice is supplemented with excellent suggestions and an ever-vigilant willingness to help with any and all tasks. She can see the prince in every frog and can calm the most enraged bulls. If you have never met Janine, go say hello, because she is the type of gal that you will meet only once in your lifetime.

No building can stand without a foundation. Senior Class Representative Nakul Patel is the secret weapon of the Senior Class. He holds down the fort and is a constant source of stability and reliance. Nakul is involved in the senior class projects and never fails to accomplish even the most difficult of tasks. He is dedicated to his work and willing to put in the effort to accomplish the mission. No matter how small or large the task, Nakul can break down the task and will delegate responsibilities to himself. He, too, is often quiet, but he actively listens, and right as the meeting adjourns he will walk up to you and explain exactly what he is going to do. The gears are always turning and Nakul is an "army of one" who can assess and accomplish any challenge.

Energy, charisma, and enthusiasm. These words are only the tip of the iceberg that is Senior Class Representative David Sawyer. Dave is the ultimate Renaissance Man. You want him in your classes, in your club, and as a friend. He is an all-around incredible guy. In addition to being a highly active participant in the assembly and being extremely motivated, Dave has demonstrated time and time again an uncanny ability to spark fellow members of the Assembly to life whether through supportive comments, a smile, or via his unforgettable sense of humor. You walk into the room, and you are immediately drawn to Dave. You just want to be around him. He channels all of his energy into his tasks. Dave was born a leader. He is animated, and he is insightful. Brains, brawn, and personality, what more could we ask for?

If you thought it took X-genes or a radioactive spider to give you fantastic abilities, think again. Senior Class Representative Avery Schlicher has a natural passion that triumphs over any and all comparisons. She will speak her mind about the role she is playing and about her concerns. Once Avery is motivated, nothing will stop her from finishing the task. Her unrelenting willpower and confidence allow her to set the example for others to follow. She is capable of working effectively with students and staff alike, all the while maintaining a pleasant demeanor no matter how heated the debate. You can always count on an enjoyable "hello" when walking past her. While saving the world from dastardly villains may not be in her future, changing the world, making a difference, and doing good deeds will no doubt be routine acts for Avery.

These seven students are among Hamilton's best. They have served both you and I for the past year through their hard work, dedication, and sacrifices. Their personalities and intelligence have inspired those around them. Without any esteemed recognition, they dedicated countless hours to bettering our community. We have reaped the benefits of their labor. When I try to depict what the ideal Hamilton student is, I think of these seven individuals. They will no doubt go on to be incredibly successful in whatever lifestyle they choose and are entirely capable of anything they put their minds to. It has been an honor and a delight to work with them. On behalf of the entire Student Assembly, I thank them and wish them the best of luck in all their future plans. They will be missed.

Thumbs up

-Class and Charter Day

-Freshman girls making out for 3 cent beads...God bless Mardi Gras

-New "Family Guy" episodes making work on Sunday absolutely impossible

-Never having to go to your shitty class again

-"Mean Girls" on the movie channel. Admit it, you've watched it four times now

Thumbs down

-Turning the VT into a WWE pay-per-view event

-Spring on the Hill in Commons; 50-Cent and frisbees don't help our hangovers

-The Friend Zone. Come on, friends can still make out.

-Finals week

-Title IX

by Jesse Gaylord '06,
Jason Thomas '06,
Andrew Rice '06

Who cares

-HamTrek...we've been training for Class and Charter Day all year, too

-This column: they are jokes, guys

-Freshman girls, the downward slope begins

-Prison

-Blowing a .33 today

-The rest of *The Spec*

Thank you, Lisa

by Ben Johnston '07
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR
STUDENT ASSEMBLY VICE PRESIDENT

The typical Monday for me doesn't really get exciting until about 2:30 p.m. This is when I trek down to Bristol to meet with Lisa Magnarelli. I try to show up early because Lisa is always busy and if I'm there early I get a chance to talk with her. Lisa will always offer us her extra comfortable couch, and I gladly sit down for what is certain to be a fun meeting.

Many of you may not know Lisa Magnarelli. Lisa Magnarelli is the Director of Student Activities. She is a graduate of Hamilton College ('96). She is the person who oversees almost every aspect of our extracurricular college life, from our big speakers to our big parties. And she does it all effortlessly.

My meetings with Lisa demonstrate the type of person that she is. As I fumble through dates for events and try to remember people's names, Lisa just calmly prompts me along...almost as if she knows what I'm going to say. A request to Lisa usually takes about thirty seconds until completion.

"Lisa, can you reserve the Annex A?"

"Sure Ben, hold on..."

...She's scanning her mental rolodex and has the number. The call is placed. She asks three important questions that I never would have considered, and she's done!

"O.K., Ben. I have the Annex A reserved, with food, and lights, and I ordered extra chairs just in case."

At this point I rummage through the calendar and scribble this down, hopeful that I won't let Lisa down.

Lisa does her job so efficiently that when she's done, she asks for more! She sits on many committees that affect student's lives. Students programs thrive under her guidance, dedication, and support. She has a remarkable ability to balance the college's direction with student need.

I often think of Lisa's magnets and signs that decorate her office. Some say funny things like "No Whining." But what's really funny is that Lisa would never act or say such things (unless I'm talking about science, just kidding Lisa).

I don't think it's possible to comprehend all that Lisa does for us. Even as someone who interacts with her on a day to day basis, I am amazed by her enthusiasm and love for what she does. We are all truly lucky to have such a wonderful person looking out for us.

I want to thank Lisa for the wonderful things she's done for the Assembly, and the College. She deserves more praise for her dedication.

Lisa, YOU are the solution.

Cameo, you will be missed

by Dave Waldman '07
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR
STUDENT ASSEMBLY TREASURER

Hidden away in the basement of Bristol is one of the best campus resources, and she is leaving this year! It is not the book store, radio station or even the free poster materials in the CAB office and we are not loosing her because of budget cuts. This under-appreciated resource is leaving for graduate school and we all will miss her. For those of you who haven't already guessed, I am writing about Cameo Voltz, our soon to be departed Assistant Director of Student Activities.

For years she has been a beacon of hope for students that are trying to plan events on campus. After working with her this year I can say I am one of many who will be sad to see her go. Cameo was always there smiling looking as if she was waiting all day just to help you. On weekends when she was at a Late Night event or IMF shows dressed in jeans and a t shirt, you couldn't tell she wasn't a student.

Something won't be the same next year without the dynamic curling duo of Cameo and Lisa roaming the campus. Here are some quotes about Cameo from those who knew her well. Hamilton will miss you Cameo, enjoy Graduate school and come back to visit us soon.

"Without Cameo the IMF would have failed a long time ago. But more than a security blanket she was a great friend."
-Ben Turner '05

"Cameo makes being involved in student organizations both fun and productive. I don't know what I would've done without her. She'll definitely be missed."
-Alan Clark '06

"Cameo is a great person to talk to. We talk about everything, and nothing... and most of the time, we get some work done too. I have spent four years working with Cameo, and it has been a pleasure to have worked so hard with someone I could always talk to. It will be weird not meeting with her at least once a week. I wish her a lot of luck at grad school, and I hope she finds a curling league at Bowling Green!"
-Katey Healy-Wurzburg '05

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

Glaring contextual, grammatical and punctuation errors, especially within the first paragraph of a front-page article, reflect poorly on the students of Hamilton College. To the outsider, these obvious errors equate to an academically sub-par campus with excessive drinking and stinky writing. Hold please; isn't writing emphasized in Hamilton's mission statement? Momentary glance upon recent Spectators would indicate the opposite. Last week's issue of *The Spectator* was another example of how *The Spectator* organization is slipping through the cracks of the proverbial floor. As a former member of *The Spectator* editorial staff, I wish the editors and contributors a pleasant summer and hope they will use their spare time planning a major overhaul. Here are some areas worthy of reflection:

Apparently, Greek letter societies aren't the only organizations possessing "meatheads." Consider your inclusion of "ResLife coordinates efficient lottery" as front-page news. We all experienced the abhorrent process - in which alliances are bought and sold - of the housing lottery. Why did this mundane event merit front-page news? Newspapers should provide informative, interesting, helpful information - especially on page one. The lottery wasn't news to anyone. Also, allow me to encourage *Spectator's* reporters to learn to count: In the first sentence the writer indicated that the housing lottery lasted 12 hours, and then in the next sentence the writer indicated the lottery began at 9 AM and ran until 10 PM. By my reckoning that's 13 hours.

That bribery was needed in order to encourage work on the current "humor" column suggests the need for a new campus humor format; move on, "thumbs up/thumbs down/who cares" is a thing of the past. Last week's issue of The Spectator deliberately and unfairly attacked an unwitting member of the Hamilton community in this column originally intended for light-hearted tomfoolery. Back in the days of Paul P. Jones, the "thumbs up/thumbs down/who cares?" column was a creative, light-hearted format for pointing out our campus's comical imperfections. The formula usually consisted of something like this: (1) pick a general campus group or water-cooler subject, (2) make a statement which over generalizes said group or subject (e.g., freshman putting on freshman fifteen, or I heart boobies), and (3) classify that statement as either good, bad, or neutral. The column reflected a positive, humorous campus-culture that thrived in a tight-knit student community. The inclusion of a student's private, personal woe in last weeks "thumbs up/thumbs down" column was in total contradiction to the column's intended purpose and another illustration of *The Spectator's* withering status. Using the campus's most popular media platform for mean spirited ridicule is inappropriate and insensitive.

Not wishing to waste paper, I will only briefly mention the drudgery of reading the weekly "Badass movie review." Honestly, that you include uninteresting movie reviews of seriously outdated movies that no one wishes to see seems just so much fodder for filler. Realistically, does anyone on the editorial staff, aside from the copy editors, have any interest in reading this column? Narrow the scope, stay relevant, and raise your standards.

It is this issue of paper wasting that has attracted significant attention on campus of late; yet, herein lies the hypocrisy of you HEAG loving Spectatorites. On page 17 of the April 29 Spectator (last week's issue), you boast of Hamilton's recycling prowess in a fact-table that presented garbage statistics, increased recycling rates, paper cup usage, etc. You must be blind not to notice the unread stacks of issues in highly-trafficked campus locations such as Beineke, Commons, or the Hub. Before you remove the previous week's issues and then refill with the current week's issues, do you consider the probability that this week's installment will probably be as unread as the last? This is not only a gigantic contribution to paper waste, but also a good indication that people don't really care anymore about what *The Spectator* has to say.

Respectfully,
Jon Rees '06

Spectator policy

THE SPECTATOR'S **LETTER TO THE EDITOR SECTION IS DESIGNED TO BE A FORUM FOR THE ENTIRE HAMILTON COMMNUNITY TO DISCUSS AND DEBATE CAMPUS, LOCAL, NATIONAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES. PIECES PUBLISHED IN THE SECTION EXPRESS THE OPINION OF THE INDIVIDUAL WRITERS, AND ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE OPINIONS OF *THE SPECTATOR*, ITS EDITORS, OR THE MEDIA BOARD. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ARE WELCOME FROM ALL STUDENTS, ALUMNI/AE, FACULTY, FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE AND HAMILTON COMMUNITY MEMBERS. NEVERTHELESS, *THE SPECTATOR* HAS THE FOLLOWING POLICIES FOR SUBMISSION:**

1. Submissions are due by 6:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before publication. Submissions can be sent by email to spec@hamilton.edu or to the individual I&I editors (wkimmel@hamilton.edu or bchase@hamilton.edu). The editors reserve the right to refuse any late submissions.
2. Letters should be no longer than 650 words.
3. Letters submitted anonymously will not be printed.
4. *The Spectator* will not edit letters for misspelling, poor grammar or diction.
5. *The Spectator* reserves the right not to publish any letter it deems inappropriate for publication.
6. If a piece is determined to be libelous, an unwarranted invasion of privacy, or an unnecessary and/or unwarranted ad hominem or personal attack, it will not be published.

Features

A tradition unlike any other: Senior Week

by Kristy Hague '05
FEATURES WRITER

In the week following finals and preceding graduation, Hamilton College seniors enjoy an array of activities to celebrate the culmination of their four years on the hill.

For many years, senior week at Hamilton has been an ongoing tradition focused on rewarding seniors for all their hard work and providing some last collegiate memories. "It's a wonderful week of events that allows seniors to relax before heading out into real the world," noted Lisa Magnarelli, the Director of Student Activities.

The senior class officers plan and coordinate all the week's events with the help and support of the Student Activities Office, Physical Plant, and Bon Appetite. This year's senior class officers, including President Beth Conway, Secretary/Treasurer Mike Osbourne, Dave Sawyer, Nakul Patel, Avery Schlicher, Janine Knight, and Nii Ato Bentsi-Enchill, have been hard at work planning new senior week entertainment and maintaining the successful traditions. "This has been one of the best groups that I've worked with," said Magnarelli of the Student Assembly officers.

This year, the class officers have proposed four new additions to senior week. First, the week will kick off with the senior formal on Sunday night. In past years, the senior formal took place in April. However, April dates created conflicts with organizations' parties and other events. Holding the formal during senior week, was "a way to minimize conflict and include everybody," said Magnarelli. The formal costs 40 dollars and covers three hours of open bar, hors d'eorves, dessert, and transportation. For all seniors taking underclassmen to the formal, your date will approved to stay until Monday morning.

Other new events include a Block Party in front of the Pub on Monday. The party will feature a barbeque dinner, DJ 4STAR, Showtime (a cover band who played the Pub earlier this semester), and the senior week staple, free beer. Traditionally, Tuesday includes a barbeque in the Pavilion. This year, however, the barbeque will serve Tex Mex including steak and chicken fajitas, chili con queso, chips, salsa, and all the other fix-ins. Senior Cathy Johnston expressed enthusiasm about the food options for the week, "we get all you can Tex Mex...what more could you possibly want?"

On Thursday, comedian Aaron Karo will perform. Known for his ruminations on college and 20-something life in New York City, Karo will do stand up about college from his recently published books.

Perhaps the greatest change to the senior week schedule is Wednesday's tours. In past years, seniors have had the option of touring the Saranac Brewery. This year, however, the class officers have provided numerous off-campus options. In addition to the brewery tour, students can go on a vineyard tour, white water rafting, paintballing, bowling, or minigolfing. "These tours are a great way to get off campus, relax and have some fun," said one senior, "I can't wait."

The cost of these events is not included in the senior week pass. If you want go on any of these tours, sign up early to guarantee your spot. Capacity is limited.

On top of these new additions, certain senior week traditions will remain in place. Student favorites like mimosa morning, big prize bingo (the first hour MCed by President Stewart), daily happy hours, karaoke nights, and fireworks still highlight scheduled. "I just love this whole week," noted Magnarelli, "it's very bittersweet."

Behind all these activities and events, a crew of people spends hours planning the week. "An army of people work to make this week happen," said Magnarelli. In addition to the planning efforts of the class officers, a staff of juniors works the events and a crew of 27 people organizes and set up everything.

Sunday through Friday costs approximately 54,000 dollars. The President's Office funds Saturday through Sunday. The college finances 35,000 dollars of the week and the rest of the money is raised through ticket sales. Each senior week pass costs 20 dollars for seniors and 25 dollars for underclassmen. To date, 312 senior week passes have been sold and over 305 senior formal tickets have been purchased. The money pays for food, alcohol, and entertainment for the entire week.

"We're all really excited about the week," said Osbourne, master of the understatement, "I think we've put together a pretty fun last week of college."

Williams publishes Nature Handbook

by Danielle Sclafani '08
FEATURES WRITER

Any day now, Professor Ernest Williams newest book, *The Nature Handbook: a guide to observing the great outdoors*, should be appearing on bookstore shelves across the nation. *The Handbook*, published by Oxford University Press, is a very readable and meticulously assembled field guide to nature patterns. It takes observations individuals can make about nature, uses photos to illustrate these observations, and then provides biological explanations for why they occur. In short, as Professor Williams puts it, "*[The Nature Handbook*] explains why people see the things in nature that they see."

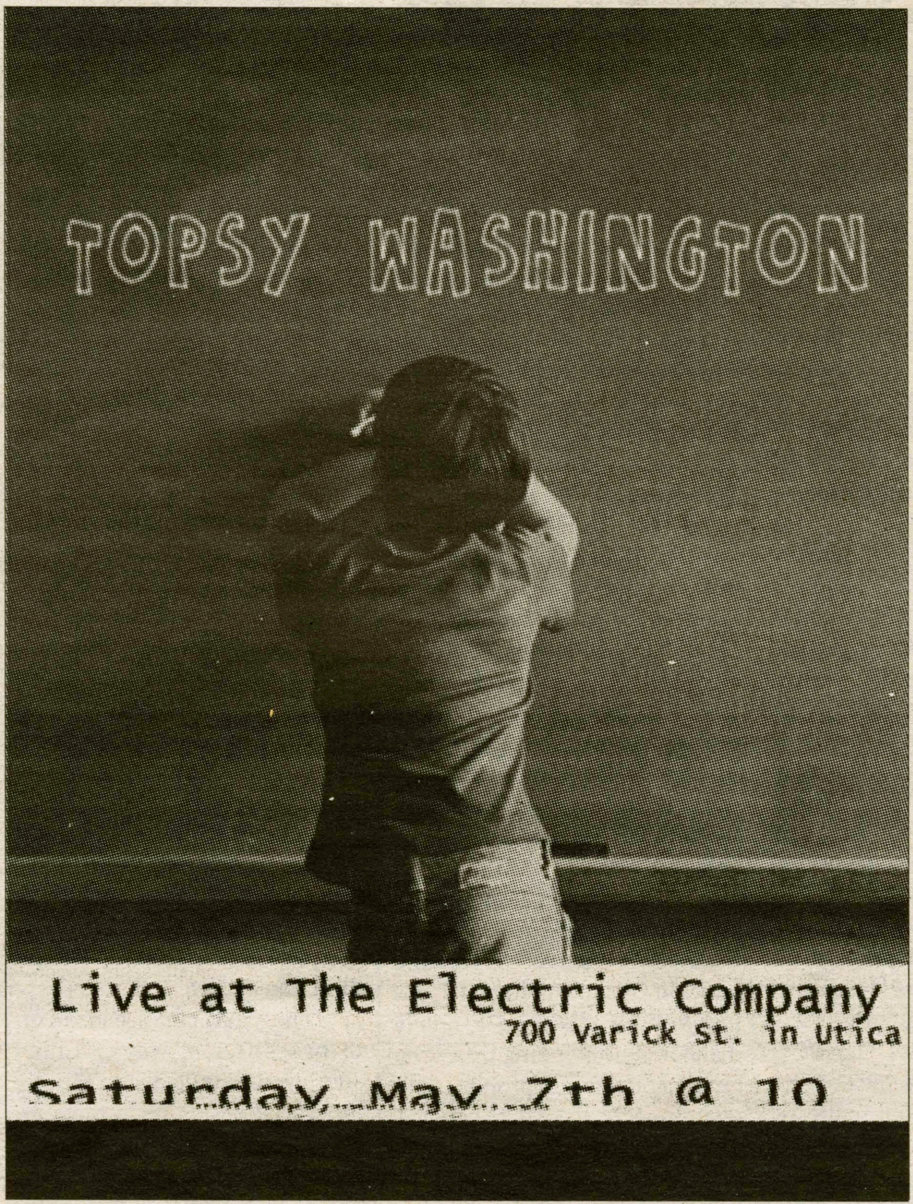
Approximately 500 beautiful photographs decorate the pages of the Handbook, helping readers to be better able to recognize the different nature patterns. Williams bought 150 of these from nature photographers and took the other 350 himself. In fact, he took many of these photos on the Hamilton campus, in the Root Glen, and in the Adirondack Mountains. Though not all recognizable, there is one picture that may stand out-the beautiful swamp white oak tree between Bristol Hub and Minor Theater.

One of Professor Williams's favorite photos is that of a skunk cabbage in the Root Glen. Skunk cabbage generates heat and the picture shows how it had melted a circular hole in the snow around its flower. Another of Williams's favorites is that of animals acting dead or injured in order to lose the interest of predators. For example, there are photographs of a killdeer faking a broken wing, of a seemingly dead snake upside down with its mouth open, and of a possum, hence the term "playing possum," drooling and regurgitating.

Williams's book focuses specifically on patterns in nature and not on species makes this nature guide especially unique. In the *Handbook*, Williams identifies and explains 227 patterns which are organized into three categories: plants, animals, and habitats. General themes of the book include: relationship of size and shape, adaptations, distributional patterns, behavior, and diversity of life. In one section Williams writes about mountain patterns. He explains that the crooked, flag-like forms of trees on the windward side of mountaintops are the result of the wind blowing ice crystals at the trees. Another section describes winged seeds, explaining how wind is used as a "mechanisms of seed dispersal." Seeds dispersed in this way must have "active buoyancy by either being small or having structures that catch the wind." An example of this that we are all familiar with is the dandelion. The guide also describes animal "extremities in cold climates." As explained in the handbook, animals in colder regions have shorter ears, tails, and limbs because this "minimizes heat loss"-a pattern known as Allen's Rule. This would explain why Arctic Foxes have short ears, and desert-dwelling jackrabbits have very long ears. This pattern can also be seen in human beings. For example, Inuits generally have a very stocky body structure, whereas the Sudanese, who are from a significantly hotter region, tend to have very long limbs and a lanky body.

The Nature Handbook will help nature-lovers of all kinds increase their appreciation for and knowledge of the environment. As stated in its introduction, The Nature Handbook's audience is "everyone interested in nature, including birders, gardeners, hikers, butterfliers, tree-huggers, photographers, naturalists of all kinds, wildflower enthusiasts, students, Scouts, and those whose interest is just beginning to develop-in short, anyone who finds learning more about nature interesting, worthwhile, or helpful." A description of the book on Oxford University Press's website says, "All naturalists—from birders to gardeners, hikers to environmentalists, wildflower enthusiasts to butterfliers—will appreciate the different approach of the Handbook—even those whose interest in the natural world is just beginning to develop." In short, everyone who appreciates nature will learn and benefit from this book.

The Nature Handbook is Professor Williams's third book and the first book that he has written individually. He co-authored The Butterfly Book, published by Little Brown & Co. and A Marsh for All Seasons, a book about the Utica Marsh, which is published locally. The Nature Handbook is available for sale in hardcover and in paperback. Paperbacks cost $26 in bookstores and are available for $17 on Amazon.com.



Business & Economics

The future of United States foreign aid

President Bush's new Millennium Challenge Account

by Tim Foley '06
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS EDITOR

The Millennium Challenge Corporation and the nation of Madagascar entered into the first compact of President Bush's new foreign aid program on March 14, 2005. The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), charged with administering the $1 billion Millennium Challenge Account (MCA), is the product of lessons learned over the past fifty years in the arena of foreign aid. The MCC has formulated a series of indicators, which it hopes will allow it to identify those nations most suitable for aid. Once qualified, the potential borrower must formulate their own investment plan and pitch it to members of the MCC. Corporate banks usually interact with clients along these same lines, and it may seem a bit harsh to exclude some nations as potential targets for aid. However, recounting the foreign aid proceedings since World War II shows why this new program is getting a lot of attention.

WWW.WHITEHOUSE.GOV

In this March, 2002, address, President Bush called for a new lending program that would, "reward nations that root out corruption, respect human rights and adhere to the rule of law."

Over the past 50 years, poor nations have traditionally gone to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) or the World Bank to secure aid for a variety of reasons. Both organizations, whose roots can be traced back to the Bretton Woods conference of 1944, are funded by the strongest economies, which coincidentally have precedence over where loans go. Both the IMF and World Bank have come under heavy fire from critics who point to the organizations' suspicious lending policies, massive amount of non-performing loans and inability to truly push poor nations toward sustained economic growth.

Peculiar as it may sound, many of the loans made by both organizations go not to the world's poorest nations, but to those with whom a political alliance would be beneficial for industrialized economies. Decisions about the amount and destination of loans are made behind closed doors and are largely agreed upon by individuals with connections in the business world, critics point out. As a matter of fact, Israel and Egypt, nations not stricken with disease or poverty, receive about 20 percent of all United Sates foreign aid.

In addition, both lenders have made their fair share of "bad" loans. Surely, those nations in the worst need of relief funds will have a very hard time paying back loans, but by designating capital to these governments, both the IMF and World Bank reduce their own lending power. The African Development Bank, along with the World Bank, are owed $40 billion from 30 nations and don't expect much of it to be paid back any time soon. Of course, lending organizations have good intentions, but funds are all too often embezzled by corrupt leaders, never benefiting the needy citizens.

Finally, some critics complain about the organizations' poorly structured loans. As a lending body, both the IMF and World Bank are criticized for not targeting specific areas for their loans. The IMF is often blamed for worsening Mexico's economic condition during the 1990's. Other nations receiving loans are sometimes unprepared to undertake major projects and end up wasting much of the loan on unstable activities. The United States Foreign Assistance Act identifies 33 different goals and 75 priorities in its cumbersome pages.

Recently, President George Bush proposed a remedy to decades of faulty and misappropriated loans. Specifically, he proposed the creation of the Millennium Challenge Account, a fund that would make loans to nations exhibiting fair rule, investment in people and open trade policies. Only a select number of nations are chosen to participate in the Millennium Challenge Account, and the process is not easy.

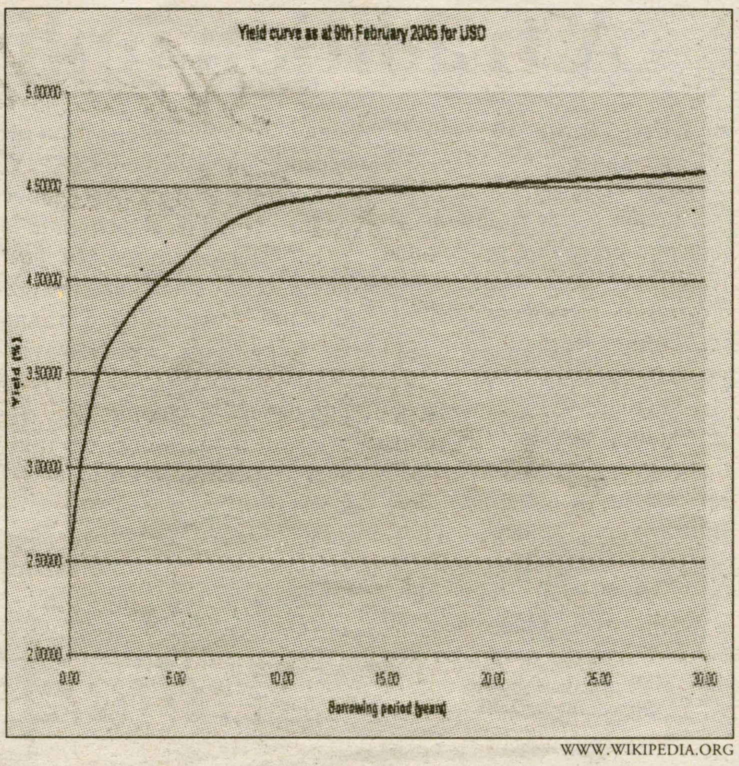
Currently, nations in which the income per capita is less than $1,435 are will be initially evaluated for qualification. The MCC has singled out 16 indicators by which to judge poor nations. These indicators are broken down into three categories; ruling justly, investing in people and economic freedom. Scores for each indicator are relative, not absolute. This way, nations are competing against each other for qualification to the MCA. In order to be considered for a loan, a nation must score above the median in at least half of the indicators. The one requirement is that the country can't score below the median in corruption, one of the indicators of just governance. Some nations that statistically qualify, such as China and Cuba, are still excluded from consideration: China for its incredible growth rate and Cuba for its communist regime.

Once fully qualified, all candidate nations are invited to make a proposal to the MCC to secure funds. Each proposal must have clearly defined objectives in a specific sector of the nation's economy. Progress on the undertaking must be measurable, and the borrowing nation must stipulate how improvements in the economy will be metered. Finally, no project can be discriminatory to any group or overly detrimental to the environment. If the potential lender and the MCC can agree on the terms and amount of the loan, it will be made into a "compact" between the two entities.

Over the course of the project, the Millennium Challenge Corporation will regularly monitor progress. The MCC has the right to increase the size of the loan if unforeseen difficulties arise or to cut off funding if, for example, a militaristic coup occurs in the borrowing nation.

A threshold program also exists that has very similar procedures to the MCC. If a nation does not quite meet the standards of official qualification, it can seek advice and funding from the MCC on a smaller basis. The nation will still have to write up its own proposal on how to improve internal conditions and may eventually reach MCA status if those goals are met.

With high standards and rigorous procedures in place, the Millennium Challenge Corporation hopes to make intelligent loans that will be repaid in a timely manner. Furthermore, by asking recipient nations to propose their own projects, the MCC believes loans will be used in a very efficient manner and will promote long-term economic growth.



WWW.WIKIPEDIA.ORG

The 30-year yield corve, shown above, has been flattening over the past few months. If this trend continues, an inverted yield curve could be possible in the future.

Finance 101... this will be on the final

This week: yield curves

by David Kelland '05
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS COLUMNIST

When the United States Federal Government wants to spend more money than it has, which obviously happens quite frequently, the Government issues United States Treasury securities (bills, notes, and bonds). These treasuries, except for short dated bills, pay coupons semi-annually. When the treasury matures, the owner also receives the face value of the treasury, generally $1,000. By doing some math, we can calculate the annualized yield of any one of these treasuries, which brings us to the fundamental rule of fixed-income securities: when prices rise, yields fall, and visa versa. Since treasuries pay a fixed amount of money, the more investors pay for a given treasury, the lower the yield will be for that security.

The yield curve is a graph of the maturities of treasuries versus the respective yields at those maturities. Under normal economic conditions, the yield curve has a positive slope because short term interest rates are lower than long term rates. In unusual circumstances, the yield curve may "invert," as short term rates go higher than long term rates. Some market observers think that an inverted yield curve may come to pass in the future if treasuries continue to trade in their current direction.

The yield curve can invert in two different ways. Either short term rates can rise rapidly to overtake long term rates, or long term rates can fall below short term rates. The latter scenario is generally considered a worse scenario for the economy, and if the yield curve were to invert soon, that latter scenario seems more probable.

The current yield curve is flatter than that of one week ago and one month ago. The yield curve has flattened over the past month as the Federal Reserve has been raising short term rates but longer term rates have failed to rise. No one can pinpoint the exact cause of this phenomenon, but low expectations of long term growth and inflation may be the main catalysts.

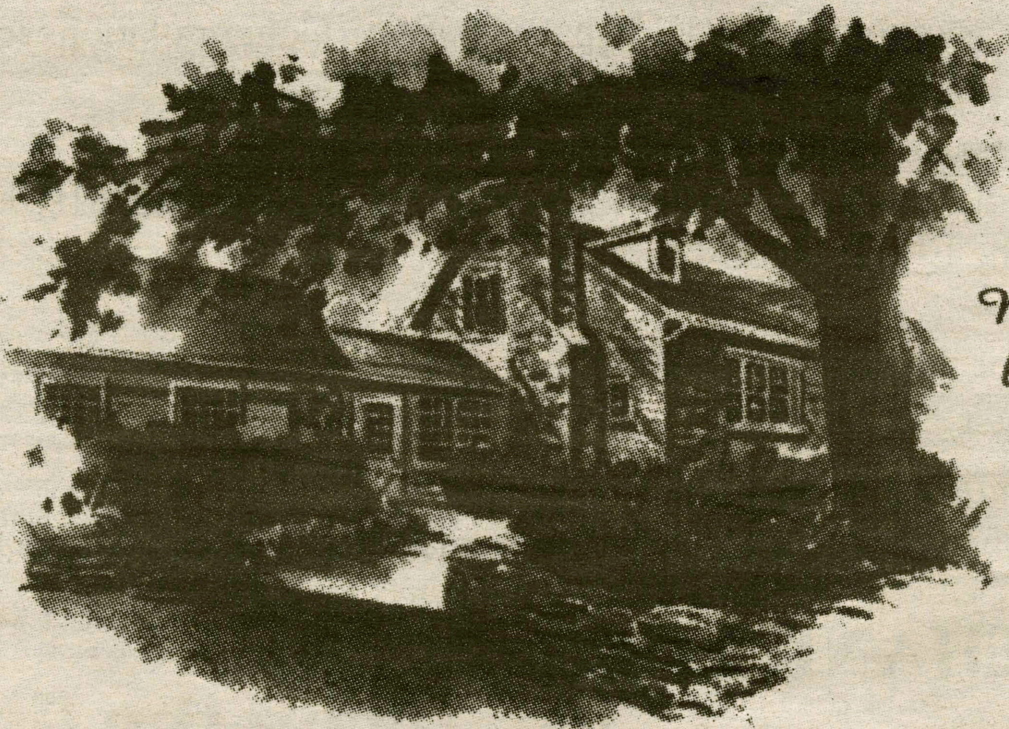
This past week, the Federal Government announced that it may begin to issue the 30-year bond again. The United States Treasury stopped issuing the long bond in October of 2001. Apparently, Treasury officials actually believed that the government would stop spending more money than it collected in tax receipts. Since those hopes have been dashed and the long bond ensures more stability in the cost of debt service, the government has decided to reintroduce the 30-year bond.

The announcement put selling pressure on the "back end" of the curve, as investors see the supply of longer dated debt rising. Since the prices of longer dated treasuries fell, the yields on those treasuries rose.

This move was of a countertrend nature however, and the spread between the 2-year note and the 10-year note has now fallen to 62 basis points or .62 percent. In other words, the part of the yield curve between the 2-year and the 10-year is now only 62 basis points from being flat, and 63 basis points from being inverted.

Advertisements

Amidst The Hedges
An Elegant Country Bed & Breakfast
Clinton, New York



Just a short stroll from both the quaint Village Green and Hamilton College in Clinton, New York, The Hedges offers three luxurious suites, each with a private bath, and richly decorated in period antiques, oriental rugs and original works of art.

For Reservations or More Information
The Hedges • 180 Sanford Avenue • Clinton, NY 13323
800-883-5883 (toll-free) or 315-853-3031 (local)
315-736-7725 (fax)
info@hedgesbb.com
www.hedgesbb.com

The Career Center

Before you leave campus....

be sure to check out the late-breaking deadlines on eRecruiting!

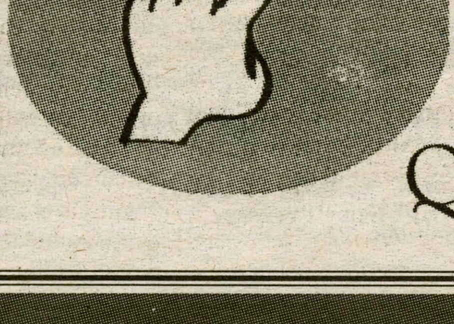
We have listings for opportunities with deadlines AFTER classes have ended.

here are just a few examples....

Miramax Films
A. E. Schwartz & Associates
John Hancock Financial Network
Earth Sciences Division (ESD) at Berkeley Lab

Elmira College
Citizens Network for Foreign Affairs
Generic Trading of Philadelphia, LLC
Northwestern Mutual Financial Network

A reminder...you will have access to eRecruiting all summer long (till August 15 for seniors)!



http://hamilton.erecruiting.com

Questions? Call Marlyn at 4346

Advertisements

Senior Gift Update: CONGRATULATIONS

The Class of 2005 Senior Gift campaign is currently at 91.1% participation. Congratulations to the class and the senior gift committee.

Thanks to the dedication of the Senior Gift committee and the generosity of our trustees, $10,000 in challenge money has been allocated to the ELS Project.

Our class will continue to raise money for the campaign. We must reach **98%** to beat the record set by the Class of **2003** and **92%** to beat the Class of **2004**.

Are the remaining 40 non-donors up for it?!!

Please see a committee member for more information on the ELS Project and to make a gift in dedication of a faculty member, a parent, a friend or anyone else you wish to honor.

THANK YOU

The 2005 Senior Gift Committee:

Ginny Smith, ***Co-Chair***

Katie Plumb, ***Co-Chair***

Ben Auerbach, Ben Turner, Caroline Steers, Christina Bates, Duncan Cameron,
Elizabeth Dyke, Liz Dolan, Erica Gomez, Emmie Robinson, Hannah Toce,
Juliette Senk, Lindsay Manson, Melissa Lewis, Tanya Namad,
Sara Peach, Sharlene Slagen and Tricia Czeski

Just in time for spring, formals, and graduation…

Lilly
PULITZER

Lilly Pulitzer is now available nearby!!

Exclusively at

O'Connor's Alexander Hamilton Gift Shop
21 West Park Row
Clinton, NY
Phone (315) 853-2061

Store Hours: Tuesday - Sunday , 12:00 - 8:00 Pm

Show your college ID and receive 10 % off of your purchase

Volume XXXXV Number 26
A Hamilton College Student Publication, Clinton, NY
May 6, 2005

The Spanktator

Some quote here

Ward Stewart... yes, you heard right

In a shocking recent episode of his infamous talk show, Bill O'Reilly admitted on national television that Ward Churchill, his recent arch nemesis, our own President Stewart and himself are in fact the all the same person. O'Reilly has been taking on the aliases of both Churchill and Stewart for several years now.

"I'm just surprised at how long it took people to catch on," said O'Reilly. "I thought people would see straight through the striking physical resemblance."

Suspicions began to arise among students on campus during the controversy over Churchill's visit to Hamilton. Churchill was supposed to give a lecture on Native American rights, which was later was changed into a discussion on dissent between Churchill, his wife and two faculty members when controversy erupted over comments Churchill made concerning 9/11. Just before Churchill was scheduled to come speak, President Stewart cancelled the lecture, claiming that the College had received too many violent threats to be able to safely hold the lecture.

However, it has now come to light that the "violent threats" were simply a rouse designed to prevent the possibility of "Churchill" and "Stewart" being in the same place at the same time.

"I realized a bit too late that I could not possibly personify both of these characters during the event because they would be in such close proximity to one another," stated O'Reilly.

O'Reilly also commented that he began to worry that his secret identities had been discovered when media sources began publishing pictures of his Churchill identity next to his Stewart identity.

"When The Spectator published a string of photos of all three of my identities across their front page I was sure my rouse was up," said O'Reilly. "My disguise techniques aren't that advanced...I thought it would have been rather obvious at that point."

However, unsuspecting students and Americans were fooled for a bit longer.

In another shocking turn of events, O'Reilly admitted that

see **Ward Stewart**, page 2

College dissolves football team; average SAT score soars through the roof

by I deserved to get in
SEE YAAAAA MEATHEADS EDITOR

In a stunning series of events, the College has announced that beginning this fall, the Hamilton College football team has been permanently dissolved. The decision was announced at a joint press conference held by College President Joan Hinde Stewart, Athletics Director Dave Thompson, Director of Admissions Monica Inzer and Director of Residential Life Jeff Landry. The announcement comes just three months after Stewart charged the Committee on Increasing Hamilton's Average SAT Score with examining ways to improve Hamilton's academic reputation.

"The Committee has made a compelling recommendation that the football team be dissolved immediately and that the acceptance of all students let in to play football for the Class of 2009 be rescinded retroactively," Stewart stated. "The Committee has gone beyond its charge in evaluating not only our academic reputation, but also our overall quality of life on the Hill. They have determined that removing the deadweight brought in to play football will solve numerous campus problems."

Landry was next to speak, asserting that statistical analysis had shown that cutting the football program would decrease Milbank damage by 110%.

"Think about the possibilities," he stated. "No more broken windows, no more broken doors, no more screaming in the middle of the night. It's truly an incredible prospect."

Speaking about the impact on the average SAT score of the Class of 2009, Inzer stated that the effects will be immediate and profound.

"We have done the math, and the average SAT score for the incoming class will rise by 135 points when the football recruits are removed from the sample," she said. "We should have done this years ago. It's going to do wonders for Hamilton College."

Captain of the football team John "Beefy" Smith '06 expressed disappointment on behalf of himself and his teammates.

"This really sucks," he yelled, really, really loudly. He then proceeded to break a lot of shit.

Inzer stated that the students booted out of the incoming class will be replaced with "qualified students," an experiment she said would be implemented on a trial basis. Should the qualified students" method not work, she assured the community, it will be changed for next year.

Just two hours after the decision was announced, Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC) President Jake Doi issued a press release offering immediate acceptance to all former Hamilton football recruits, given they pass a basic exam.

"This is going to work out well for everyone involved," Stewart concluded. "Today, Hamilton has improved the academic quality of its students, has ended vandalism, and has created an overall more enjoyable atmosphere for the students who actually deserve to go here."

You'll be seeing less of this walking around campus next year.

Jitney vans to be replaced with H2's

by "Ludicris"
PIMP EDITOR

Hamilton College in conjunction with MTV's hit show "Pimp My Ride" has upgraded the jitney vans to four brand new H2 Hummers. Following the dramatic jitney strike, the college noticed students had found other ways to get up and down the hill on Friday and Saturday nights. In order to offset the costs of paying drivers more during the peak hours, the school needed to increase the amount of students using the service.

"We can't have empty jitneys driving back and forth up the hill on weekends," said Jitney coordinator Breck Shellings '06. "That makes it look like it's a completely useless way to spend money. But these pimped out H2's will pack people in. In fact, we doubt people will even bother getting out when they get downtown, they'll be having too much fun. So when it comes down to it, it also helps prevent people from drinking too much off campus."

All four H2's come fully loaded with DVD players and 6 10-inch lcd screens in the back. The interior will be black leather, and the sound system is provided by Sony, with 20 watts being pumped into 35 speakers including several embedded in the roof-

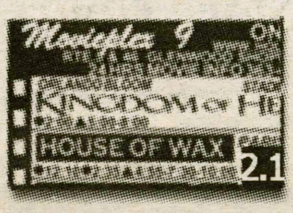
see **Cars**, somewhere inside

Inside . . . maybe

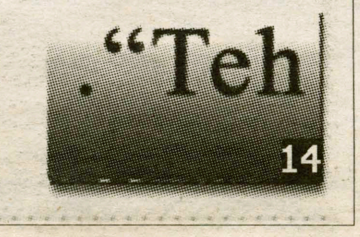
3 Forgotten Page
4 More complaining
5 We're Rich!!!
Just Netflix it
7 Saving the trees
8 End of the season

Googled images

Advertisements



Rand,m typos



Faculty discuss Honor Code changes, department renamings

by Alexandra Sear '05
SENIOR EDITOR

The second-to-last faculty meeting of the semester, held this past Tuesday in the Barn, began with a memorial minute for the late Professor of Economics, Emeritus, Sidney Wertimer, Jr. The faculty also held elections for next year's committee membership, voted on recently proposed changes to the College's Honor Code and an on a number of departmental reorganizations and renamings.

Professor of Economics Derek Jones gave a brief biography of the late Professor Wertimer, who passed away in March at his home in Charleston, South Carolina. He traced Wetimer's path to Hamilton and his career of service to the College, including 52 years as a professor, his stint as College Marshal, and highlighted the various prizes and professorships named for Sidney and his wife Ellie.

After handing in their ballots to elect new members of standing committees for the next school year, the faculty heard a report from Associate Dean of Students, Academic, Chris Willemsen about the Honor Court's recent review of the Honor Code and their subsequent recommendations for changes.

Willemsen said one of the main reasons for reviewing the code was to address the problem that, although the Code depends on the idea that "students must be willing to report cheating, give evidence, name names and report at a trial... the vast majority of students are reluctant to take this step."

Based on the discrepancy between actual reported instances of cheating and, on a recent survey, the number of times students say they've witnessed cheating, Willemsen said that "it is safe to say that students do not report the vast majority of cases," and that "this aspect of the Honor Code is not working."

To address this problem, Willemsen explained the two aspects of the Code that the Court recommends changing. One is to "expand the range of accountability and options students have for reporting" cheating, and the other is to redefine the sanctions for certain levels of academic dishonesty.

Some of the new recommended "options students will actually use" are to ask the professor to proctor the exam and to bring back the Hamilton tradition of tapping a pencil on the desk when one witnesses cheating during an exam.

The Court also proposed clarifying the sanctions for instances of academic dishonesty, including enforcing the policy of expelling a student after their second violation.

Willemsen said that the sanctions for a first offense are not clear enough and that the Court recommended to "change the permanent 'XF'" [the mark on the transcript signifying "removed for academic dishonesty"] to a removable XF," which could be changed to an FF after two years, pending no further infractions. Willemsen said that this would give cheating a "higher deterrence value, while also allowing for rehabilitation."

The faculty passed those and the other changes, all of which the student body recently also ratified. The changes can be found at http://www.hamilton.edu/college/dean_of_students/hc/HonorCodewordingchanges.doc.

Following the Honor Code discussion, the faculty voted to separate the department of theater and dance into two separate departments. The motion to do so highlighted that the two were "divergent disciplines, with distinct methodologies and histories," and that "autonomy will give both disciplines greater visibility and the freedom to develop in their own unique ways."

The faculty also voted to change the name of the department of Spanish to the department of Hispanic studies, a change the motion said would reflect the "clear interdisciplinary nature" of the courses offered and the "intercultural specialty of the members of the Department."

The College will also have another minor available to students next year, after approving a motion to create a minor in digital arts. Professor of Art History and Chair of the Committee on Academic Policy Deborah Pokinski said that this is "an emerging area in the arts," and that creating the minor will only require "reframing courses currently taught and on the books." Courses for the minor include, among others, Introduction to Video, Music for Contemporary Media, and Media Form and Theory.

A motion to create a concentration in Environmental Science was tabled until the next meeting.

In the interest of time, President Stewart shortened her re-

*see **Faculty Meeting**, page 4*

May Day festival, Spring on the Hill moved indoors due to rain

*from **Al Ham**, page 1*

most well attended events were Thursday night's Square Peg's performance in the Pub and the Greek banquet. Unfortunately, the Kirkland police forced the band to stop playing early due to noise complaints from several Clinton residents.

"The band was great, and everyone was dancing and having a good time," said Bishop. "I guess next year we'll just have to turn down the bass a bit!"

The Greek banquet, which featured Greek food and superlative awards, was also well attended. Fertig was chosen as this year's keynote speaker and talked about the need for Greeks to be more involved in campus issues such as the Jitney situation.

"It was nice to be able to give my speech and hopefully motivate Greeks to start making a positive impact on the College, to stop worrying only about how our image looks better by doing things outside the Hamilton community but to start moving our focus to fixing things on campus," Fertig said.

Bishop said she would like to change the setup of next year's banquet to promote more mixing among societies.

"Instead of a banquet style setting, I would like to change it to more of a social setting with food stations, a cash bar and music," Bishop said. "This way Greeks would be able to associate with members of other Greek societies, instead of just those sitting at their table."

Due to rain, both the May Day Festival and Spring on the Hill were moved indoors.

"Regardless of weather, I think that Sunday's Spring on the Hill was great, achieving its purpose of bringing the community together," said Beth Conway '05.

According to Bishop, many of the props they had planned on using for May Day, such as the inflatable volleyball court and obstacle course, would not fit into the Events Barn.

"Other than that, everything else was fine," she said.

May Day performers included Tim Reynolds, Virginia Coalition, Jennifer Gentle and Pharcyde.

Bishop mentioned that Friday's outdoor screening of *Blue and Buff* and *The Incredibles* did not attract as many people as expected.

"Although the turn out for *Buff and Blue* was great, the crowd died down for the showing of *The Incredibles*," she said.

Nonetheless, Al Ham Weekend was an overall success. As Bishop stated, "I was very happy with how the weekend turned out."

Reilly speaks about advances in technology for twenty-first century

*from **Reilly**, page 1*

feet before landing, and in the first 300 years of locomotion, man could only travel "as fast as a horse could carry him, which was about 25 miles per hour."

With the invention of trains, Reilly said, man could still only travel about 50 miles per hour. Now, average commuter planes travel at around 400 miles per hour, and the technology is still improving.

Reilly showed, on a graph, the time gap between military and civilian technologies, which is about 40 years.

"All the money you spend on military technology eventually comes back to the civilians," Reilly said.

One example that Reilly provided was the internet, which began as a high-speed file sharing network for the government. He also spoke about the planes that were used by the military during World War II, which can go to speeds of up to 500 miles per hour and are now being used for civilian travel.

Reilly talked about some of the most advanced technology used by NASA today. With cameras that can show pictures of some of the oldest stars in the galaxy, Reilly explained, scientists are able to view pictures that go 80% back to the Big Bang. From this, scientists are able to predict that in 4.6 billion years, the sun will run out of fuel.

Reilly predicted that in the next several years, NASA will be launching a mission to Pluto. Before that, however, NASA will be sending astronauts back to the moon and to Mars.

Reilly explained that one of the reasons why NASA is so interested in space travel is that other planets have not been changed as much as Earth has been, so studying the surface of other planets could tell us a lot about our own.

"The surface of the Earth has been reworked," Reilly said. "So we can't see what it looked like billions of years ago."

Looking at other planets might help scientists determine what early forms of life on Earth were like.

The youngest rocks on the surface of the moon are older than the oldest rocks on earth, Reilly explained. Looking at the moon, one can see white spots, which are the oldest areas on the surface.

Much can be learned from looking at the surface of Mars, as well. Reilly explained that there are differences in the rocks that are as old as 4.6 billion years and those that are one billion years old. This means that there was some sort of activity on the surface of Mars even in the early years.

"If there was life on Mars, there might still be fossils on the surface," Reilly said.

Reilly said that, after sending another mission to the moon, the next challenge for NASA will be to set up a laboratory and observatory on Mars. This, he said, will probably be done between 2010 and 2012. Reilly also noted that Mars would be a great spot for the next Hubble Telescope, because there is little light and electronic pollution.

When astronauts finally do reach Mars, the thing they will be looking for is the existence of water, which is something that has not been detected by the Rovers that are there now.

"Something is flowing across the surface of Mars and we're thinking it's water," Reilly said.

Reilly also mentioned the discovery of "blueberries," which are large, round hematite deposits that seem to have been formed in the presence of water.

Astronauts will also be looking for the existence of sulfates on the surface of Mars, which would have likely precipitated from water.

"The whole question is: is there a significant amount of water on Mars?" Reilly said.

The existence of water would also help astronauts discover if there is, or ever was, life on Mars.

"If we find something alive on Mars, it's going to be very simple," Reilly said.

Reilly mentioned that there seem to be some fossils of simple organisms from meteors that have hit the earth. "We have what we consider very strong implications for life on Mars," Reilly said.

By 2020, Reilly believes that NASA will have sent humans to Mars. This is an important accomplishment, according to Reilly, because "the human mind is the fastest means of assessing a situation." Reilly said that by sending trained scientists to Mars, more could be learned in a few minutes of observation than the Rovers could ever show.

In order to prepare for the future trip to Mars, Reilly said that NASA is in the process of making the equipment lighter and smaller. Astronauts are also considering other implications of spending a significant amount of time on a planet with no greenery and, possibly, no water. Astronauts will have to learn how to recycle everything they use.

Reilly, who has lectured at Hamilton before, has been with NASA for 15 years and has clocked 16 hours of space walks. Before Reilly, only two other geologists had ever been a part of NASA's astronaut program: Jack Schmidt, of the Apollo program, and Kathy Sullivan.

The lecture was followed by a reception held in the Dwight Lounge in the Bristol Campus Center. There, audience members had a chance to speak with Reilly and get his autograph.

The Spanktator

www.uglypeople.com

The Spectator

Ian B. Mandel,
I'D RATHER SPEND THE NIGHT AT THE SPEC OFFICE THAN IN MY GIRLFRIEND'S ROOM EDITOR

Jonathan L. Kuhl,
one-beer queer editor

Emma J. Furman,
Emergency phone call editor

Whitney K. Rothe,
I never shut-up editor
Timothy P. Mudie,
I never speak editor

Tara E. Rosabal,
bitch who checks my mail
Rebecca R. Grusky,
bitch who checks voice-mail

Greg Devaney,
Delivery boy

Katherine Jurras,
I'm only doing Spec cuz Cat is editor

Allison Krutul,
I hate to correct the sports section editor

Kathleen M. McGrory,
God's gift to journalism editor

Emily Lemanczyk,
Too good to do a Spanktator page editor

Britten E. Chase,
Ham-Trek Editor
Whitney Kimmel,
The next generation KSA editor

Timothy J. Foley,
Red-headed step child editor

Nick Lund,
Some of pictures are from my home collection editor
Letty Z. Bedard,
I like to ride horses instead of taking pictures editor
Robert B. Cole,
Letty's bitch

Thomas S. Booth,
hottie editor

Christopher G. Takacs,
I haven't done anything for the Spec in 2 years editor

Alexandra C. Sear,
Faculty Snitch Editor

Michael L. Proia,
I like to think I'm more important than I really am editor
Katie M. Childs,
Pain in the ass editor
Andrew G. Dassori,
I don't know how to do anything without Katie editor

Caitlin M. Rochford,
I got this job because I'm dating the editor-in-chief editor

Matthew Palasack,
I'm a computer god editor

Daniel Wittenberg,
Sorry I left you out of the spec editor

The Editorial represents the opinion of a majority of The Spectator *Editorial Board. The Hamilton College* Spectator, *publication number USPS 612-840, is published weekly by the Hamilton College Student Media Board while classes are in session. Subscriptions are $50 per year. Our offices are located on the third floor of Bristol Campus Center. The deadline for personals, letters and advertisements is Tuesday the week of publication. For further information, please call (315) 859-4100 or (preferably) email spec@hamilton.edu. For advertisements, email spec@hamilton.edu.*

Thumbs Down: Fat kids on scooters and stupid people

Insights & Ideas

The political report:
Marginalization

by Jon Locke
CAPITALIST AFFAIRS SECTION

When I was reading the New York Times last week, I saw an egregious error in their reporting bias. It seems that the liberal skew has marginalized the way the free press operates today in the modern sphere of the proletariat. The article was about the events in the Sudan and the marginalization of the marginalized victims of genocide. Now, I don't think that anyone is supporting this egregious genocide. Who would? These partisan politics are a thing of the past, but continue in the present. That is the kind of political atmosphere that encourages the multitude of genocide. Democrats and Republicans alike dictate this philosophy of marginalization. But who are the marginalized? The victims or the dictatorial bourgeoisie? It is safe to say that such imperialist actions will not be condoned in the house, the senate, the congress, the White House, the capitol, and the judicial branch, despite any partisan leanings from the left or the right. America's decision to ignore such egregious marginalization is a continous conundrum. The imperialist dogma of this administration's tactics remains impervious to any sort of compilitation. Monopolies. Oligopolies. Oligopsony. This masquerade of policy will not stand with the voters who would vote for any candidate qualified to marginalize Social Security and US foreign policy. The people ignored John Kerry in the last election, and that was an egregious error....blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah.

> ***"The imperialist dogma of this administration's tactics remains impervious to any sort of compilitation. Monopolies. Oligopolies. Oligopsony."***

If you are still reading this far, you have officially set a new record for how many words someone has read that i wrote. That's because I publish all my papers in order to demarginalize my time and build my resume to be a reporter that no one will ever hire me to be because I am a scary individual. But only once you get to know me.

So let's keep going. I want to make sure that I say marginalized as much as I can so that it sounds like I'm saying something very intellegent when in fact I am not saything anything at all because no one is reading this anyway. So. marginalize, marginalize, marginalize. Margarine? It's definitely not butter. Mmmmm, butter.

But all the butter and grease we eat is actually marginalizing what we should be eating. Like vegetables. They make sure that all the vitamins in your body are unmarginalized so that they can dominate within your internal organs and marginalize such things as cholesterol, heart attacks, and decent common sense.

Enough about marginalization. Let's talk implication. Here is where I will start to use more big words in sentences that do not make any sense. Within the implication is the secession of the marginalization that will decipher the next big word that I decide to use. Any day now I'm gonna get my big break in the news business. Wait till they see all these words. And insight.

Speaking of marginalized implicators, the libertarians are very autonomous within their independent region of the global structure of the world of human beings of which reside on occeasion as in all the time. Bush will have to yada yada yada yada yada yada yada.

Alright, I never had anything to say but I need to take up more space because I really get off on it. Maybe if I try to extend out my letters. L i k e t h i s. O o o o o o h o o o o o o o h o o o o o o o o o h a n d t h i s ! Supercalafragilisticexpialidocious. Even though the sound of it is something quite atrocious. I wish I knew other languages, That way my access to big words would no longr be limited by english.

Now its time for this article to cease and desist and stop marginalizing all the other articles that could have gone in this space but instead must make up for all the other sections in which my writing was marginalized from.

Jon Locke is a political philosopher and inspiration to what later became the United States Constitution. He was proud of that one. Constitution is a big word. He now is a special staff columnist to the Spanktator and spends his days discussing communism among toes and if the second biggest toe is part of the revolution or just a tool of the capitalist big toe.

Letters to the Spanktator

Dear Spanktator,

You suck. Why can't you spell good? Who let you out of 5th grade and into the bestest college ever? You have no creativity, and by creativity I of course mean doing features on random kids we don't care about. Kids like me. You're all horrible. I could do a better section with my eyes gouged out if I ever came to do my section. Which I didn't, so maybe that's why I don't work on the staff anymore and hang out with kids that sniff and/or steal ether from the chem. Lab. Yeah. You guys are real cool, picking on poor defenseless ether addicts. You probably never even thought twice. Everyone always thinks that orphans are the forgotten members of society, but it's really the college dope addicts.

And what about that movie page? They're talking about movies! What the hell were they thinking? How dare they? And what it with the news section covering campus events? Can't they come up with anything more exciting? Can't The Spanktator staff put a little effort into making their paper so cool dude by starting a war around here or something interesting for me to read about? Can they also drive me to the VT now that the jitney isn't running and serve me fresh squeezed orange juice in the morning? It really cures the headache from this stuff my friend gave me. He told me to sniff it so I did. It was fun. But this campus is definitely way to boring and obviously by reporting it The Spanktator is encouraging an environment where we invite fascinating people to campus and have a housing lottery. No more of that.

This paper is a waste of trees. Have you ever smelled trees? They smell good. I've been on a kick with sniffing things recently. And the Spanktator doesn't smell good. At all. So you all should just crawl into a hole and die.

Best,
Jim

Dear Jim,

Suck on it.

Love,
The Spanktator

Spanktator Policy

THE SPANKTATOR'S LETTER TO THE EDITOR SECTION IS DESIGNED TO BE A FORUM FOR THE ENTIRE SPANKTATOR STAFF TO LET ALL OF YOU KNOW JUST WHAT WE REALLY THINK OF YOU. THINK ITS EASY COMING IN HERE WEEK AFTER WEEK AND HAVING TO WRITE A BUNCH OF FAIR AND UNBIASED BULLSHIT? HELL NO. YOU ARE OURS NOW, BITCHES, AND THERE IS NO TURNING BACK. PIECES PUBLISHED IN THE SECTION EXPRESS THE OPINION OF THE INDIVIDUAL WRITERS, AND ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE OPINIONS OF *THE SPANKTATOR*, ITS EDITORS, OR THE MEDIA BOARD. ESPECIALLY NOT THE MEDIA BOARD. WE HATE THEM. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ARE WELCOME FROM ALL STUDENTS, ALUMNI/AE, FACULTY, FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE AND HAMILTON COMMUNITY MEMBERS. AND SOME NON-MEMBERS. WE DON'T DISCRIMINATE. NEVERTHELESS, *THE SPANKTATOR* HAS THE FOLLOWING POLICIES FOR SUBMISSIONS THAT WE EVEN FOLLOW ON OCCASION. IF WE FEEL LIKE IT.

1. Submissions are due by 6:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before publication. Submissions can be sent by email to spank@hamilton.edu or to the individual I&I editors (mdestruc@hamilton.edu). The editors reserve the right to refuse any late submissions, early submissions, and publish whatever we damn well please. It's good to be king.
2. Letters should be no longer than 650 words. So don't be selfish. There is no way that you have any more than 650 words of opinion that is worth our paper and ink.
3. Letters submitted anonymously will not be printed, unless we don't know who you are.
4. *The Spectator* will not edit letters for misspelling, poor grammar or diction. That is because we don't actually read the letters, we put them in and assume it all goes to plan. We don't do anything that slightly inconveniences us in any way. So stick with that comma splice. See if we care.
5. *The Spectator* reserves the right not to publish any letter it deems inappropriate for publication. Unless we think it's really really funny, or will fill space when we need it. But since you asked, we also reserve the right to make a lot of fun of you in other sections, and we also reserve the right to pretty much do whatever we please. In general.
6. If a piece is determined to be libelous, an unwarranted invasion of privacy, or an unnecessary and/or unwarranted ad hominem or personal attack, we may ask you to come write full time.

OTHER THEN THAT, GO FOR IT

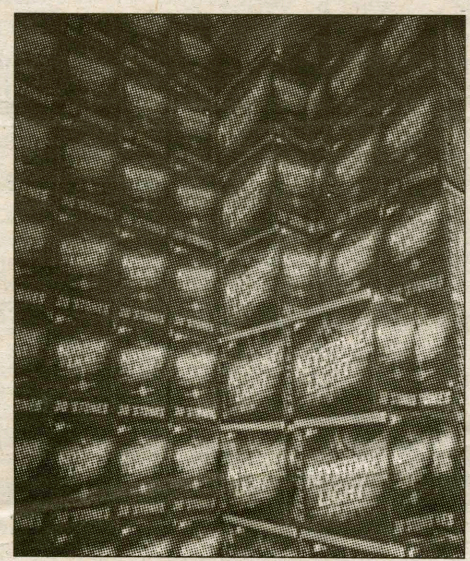
Business & Economics

Drinking economically on a college budget

During these tumultuous economic times, two things remain important; getting drunk and doing so very cheaply

by James Dinneen '05
ACCOMPLISHED DRINKER
Tim Foley '06
BEER LOVER & ANALYST

The times, they are a changing. Just a few years ago, the best place to go for beer was the Great American, now the sight of broken dreams, a business venture gone terribly wrong and the best sports bar that will never be. Anyway, back then the beer of choice was the quintessential Keystone Light. As freshmen, our main concerns were chugging, funneling, shot-gunning and pounding beers. The bland taste and watery texture of Keystone Light was a perfect match for our rookie stomachs, and funds from life guarding all summer after high school were more than adequate for the $9.99 30-pack. As the Spartans charged the walls of Troy, we attacked that wall of blue boxes every Thursday afternoon after class had ended. Armed with fake ID's from our friend's older brother, we carried as much of the liquid gold as our arms could bear back to campus, where it could be bartered for virtually anything and carried a street value of $1 per can. Talk about profit.


WWW.THEDARTMOUTH.COM

Is anything more beautiful than a neatly arranged wall of Keystone Light? Yes, but nothing says party like a wall of Keystone Light. Except a fat guy in a Hawaiian shirt.

For a while, we were lost in the vast choice of $9.99 30 packs Great American confronted us with. Miller High Life, The Beast, PBR, Busch Light, Genny and the local mystique of Utica Club all made it into our tiny refrigerators. To us, beer was beer, and a 2-week-old warm Schlitz was just as good as a fresh can of Miller Lite.

It was not long before we ventured beyond the barrier of blue boxes and discovered the greatest deal of our college careers. Whether it was a mistake made by the kid with the price gun or simply the stroke of a loving God, Keystone Ice was priced at just $6.99 for 30 glorious cans. Besides the distinction of toting around black boxes and drinking from black cans, Keystone Ice contained a higher alcohol content, enabling us to get drunk quicker and more cheaply than its now inferior blue-skinned brother. However as all good things, this deal too, came to a tragic end with the closing of Great American. The lesson we learned that year was simple: ice beer gets you f*#%ed up. And it is just as cheap as any other crappy beer made for college kids.

Scholars maintain that Keystone Light is still the beer of choice among Hamilton students and the most recent statistical studies confirm this notion. Purely out of respect, or when celebrating an IM Hockey Championship and funneling from a homemade trophy, we still pick up a case or five of Keystone Light. However, as our tastes have matured and our economic intuitions have sharpened, our beer of choice has become Natural Ice. The unwanted stepchild of Budweiser, Natural Ice's shelf price, before taxes and deposit, is just $11.99, making it one of the cheapest beers in today's wildly inflationary marketplace. For only pennies more than the Keystone Light, we now enjoy a much fuller, tastier beer. The true benefits of Natural Ice are best explained by Anheuser-Busch.com. "This sub premium-priced ice beer, 5.9 percent alcohol by volume, has a smooth taste." Translation: this beer is cheap and will get you hammered. Folks, this is a matter of simple economics. Natural Ice is the best bang for your buck. As Cy Philbrick '05 exclaims, "Look at the data: Natural Ice is simply the most efficient beer on the market. No questions asked." Nevertheless, some critics would have you believe otherwise.

WWW.40OUNCEBEER.COM

Nothing quenches the thirst quite like an ice cold can of Natural Ice.

WWW.BEVERAGENET.NET

When it comes to beer with ridiculously high alcohol content, Canadians know what the f*%c is up. Molson XXX is like moonshine.

The world-renowned beer tasters over at www.40ozmaltliquor.com have mixed reactions to Natural Ice's bold taste and high alcohol content. The man who calls himself 40OunceKilla, after downing a 40 of Natty Ice remarked, "This is, without a doubt, the beer of choice among bums and deadbeats in my area. My initial thoughts were correct: this beer sucks ass, big time. The first sip totally reminded me of a time I sucked water out of a piece of soaked cardboard." However, fellow beer connoisseur Elantrax was much more satisfied with Natural, boldly proclaiming, "This stuff was out of this world. You can't go wrong. 8 out of 10." Beer sampler White Mike added, "…it tastes best out of a Solo cup." The stack of 200 Solo cups behind our futon show our adherence to White Mike's suggestion. But let's not lose sight of the real advantage of Natural Ice: getting crunk.

Long-time drinker and all around winner Lars Hedberg '05 talks about Natural Ice with frequency. He had this to say about a night spent consuming the fine brew, "I was drinking Natural Ice's, talking to some ladies and listening to some T.I. and everything was going great. The next thing I knew, I was eating live goldfish and putting hot sauce on hash browns in a Tennessee Waffle House. It was the single greatest night of my life, and I have natural Ice to thank." If you are more of a numbers person and stories are not the issue, let's do some math.

Natural Ice's 5.9 percent alcohol is not the highest offered in Topp's Friendly Marketplace, with Molson XXX coming in at a whopping 7.3 percent. However, a six-pack of Molson XXX retails for nearly $10 per six-pack. Twelve ounces of 7.3 percent alcohol beer comes out to .886 ounces of alcohol per 12-ounce bottle. Six beers per pack totals to 5.316 ounces of alcohol for about $10. All said, Molson XXX charges approximately $1 for every .532 ounces of alcohol. Lets take a look at the other end of the spectrum.

WWW.40OZMALTLIQUOR.COM

For those drinking at the "Artie Lang" level or above, Natural has a 40. Don't forget the duct tape

Keystone Light weighs in at a low 4.2 percent alcohol by volume. With 12 ounces per can and 30 cans in a rack, you walk away with 15.120 ounces of alcohol in that blue box. By my best estimates, a rack of 'Stones goes for about 12 bucks after taxes and deposit are added on. Broken down simply, Keystone Light offers customers approximately 1.26 ounces of alcohol for the dollar. This statistic beats the shorts off Molson XXX, but with nearly half the alcohol of XXX, Keystone Light will have you visiting the potty with a high frequency. This will be a problem later in the night.

Finally, let's analyze the delicious, calorie filled adult beverage that is Natural Ice. Again, Natty boasts a 5.9 percent alcohol-by-volume statistic that is hard to beat. A 12 ounce can will hit you off with .708 ounces of alcohol and an entire case of 30 tasty Ice's carries 21.24 ounces of alcohol. Again, going by my best estimates, a 30 of Natty Ice goes for about $14. Divide that mofo up, and we get an industry-leading 1.517 ounces of alcohol per dollar. Not bad at all.

Our 5.9 percent Natty Ice has almost twice the "flavor" of Keystone Light, and if Miller Lite commercials have taught us anything, everyone wants more flavor, but not necessarily better flavor. The extra "flavor" of Natty means that we can drink other beers as they were intended; while competing in sporting events, camping out, playing volleyball in the Rocky Mountains or chillin' with some Clydesdales.

Natural Ice has proven to be truly economic. It's alcohol content per dollar stands unbeaten, leaving competitors wondering where they went wrong. Of course, it is not for everyone. Those who are picky about their beer will have to pay more in order to drink a "quality" beer, as Natural Ice and quality will probably never be together in a sentence after this one. Furthermore, rolling up to your first corporate picnic with a rack of Natural Ice may be frowned upon co-workers. However, if you are looking to get the job done for as cheap as possible, grab a Natty Ice. You won't be disappointed.

Liberal Arts picked up by Dreamworks for distribution

by Dave Variety '05
MOVIE CORRESPONDENT

It's official. Media moguls Steven Spielberg, Jeffery Katzenberg, and David Geffen's company Dreamworks has picked up the independent film *Liberal Arts*, shot entirely on the Hamilton Campus, for a wide release. The film's release had been delayed due to some legal issues resulting in the contract of one of the film's stars. Apparently, the film's producers didn't realize that a signature on a napkin does not equal a legally-binding contract.

In addition, the filmmakers bickered about editing choices for close to 7 months. Fortunately for them, Spielberg saw the screener and decided to help. He paid Rothe, Thompson-Tucker, Kotowski, and Geis a sum close to $10,000,000 for the distribution rights. He commented, "Justin Thompson-Tucker and I have always been good friends. We go way back when our families used to vacation together out at Cape Cod. I loved his early work, especially Laundry Day, but I was blown away by this. I just love Freddie Barrows. What a great name! I was particularly attracted to the conflict he had with his father over the phone. That was riveting cinema." The film will get a major overhaul in both sound and picture quality and then transferred to film.

Dreamworks is planning a July star-studded premiere in New York City which will rival the one held in KJ Aud last September. Rumored stars attending the event: Tom Cruise, Pete Harmelin, Lindsay Lohan, Blake Erb, and of course, Matt Packard. This will be followed by a wide release coast-to-coast, and then an international release. But the money grubbing doesn't stop there. There are apparently 4 DVD editions planned for release: the bare-bones, the Special Edition, the Deluxe Edition, and then the Super, Mega, Happy, Fun-time, Knock-your-socks-off Edition.

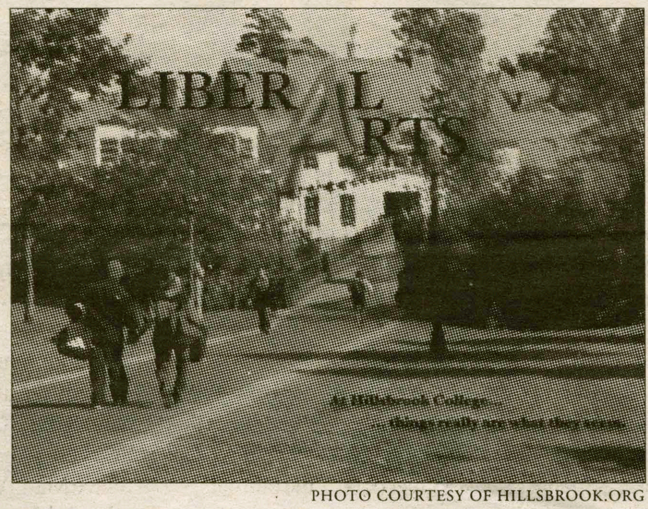


PHOTO COURTESY OF HILLSBROOK.ORG

Producer Whit Rothe '05 says, "People have been constantly nagging me incessantly about the DVD release of this film, and it sucked because I couldn't tell them why there had been such a delay. Well, now they can look forward to a really nice Special Edition set with bonus features, feature-length commentary and added effects. The Deluxe Edition will come with a collectible Freddie Barrows hat. The Super, Mega, Happy, Fun-time, Knock-your-socks-off Edition is the re-made Hollywood version of the film starring Tom Cruise as Freddie Barrows. Steven will be directing. Pete Harmelin will be the only original cast member back because of his exorbitant contract demands. That should be out next year." The remake is set to begin shooting next January. This comes in conjunction with Spielberg's announcement that Indy 4 will in fact be put on the back-burner for this project.

When asked what he will do with his cut of the $10,000,000, Justin Thompson-Tucker said, "I have decided to quit the film business and focus all of my efforts on inventing a computerized, digital board game where all of the pieces are hologram projections. Expect that by 2010." Rothe and Kotowski plan on writing the sequel to Liberal Arts. It is tentatively titled, *Liberal Arts 2: The Quest for Peabody's Lost Gold*. Plot details are limited, but it will be a mockumentary-action film, a first for the genre, and might involve events within *The Matrix*. Talks with Warner Brothers are in progress. Exec Producer Alex Geis could not be reached for a long statement, but could only say this, "What a sh*tshow!"

Creative writing, theater, dance, studio art majors to sleep on your couch

by Johnny Fakename '06
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Senior creative writing, theater, dance and studio art majors announced today that they will be spending the next six months to a year sleeping on your couch.

"We fully intend to find jobs and get nice apartments with some roommates, eventually," the students announced today in an all-campus email, "But with the job market the way it is right now, it's probably going to take us some time to get on our feet. It's totally cool, though. We'll just crash on your couch for a little while; you'll hardly even notice that we're around. Honest, we're clean, we don't eat much and we'll totally pay you back when we get jobs. See, we just didn't realize our majors were... well... useless."

Analysts attribute the joblessness of the majors to several factors, among them the current economic recession, increasing exportation of jobs overseas and the fact that the students chose to major in creative writing, theater, dance or studio art. Poor bastards.

Badass Movie Reviews supports the destruction of humanity!

by Ann Gry-Alum '79
OUT-OF-CONTEXT CORRESPONDENT

While reading this fine publication some weeks ago, I was shocked and appalled to read the article "Badass Movie Reviews: Independence Day" by Tim Mudie. Mr. Mudie's article is crass, juvenile, and worst of all, it supports terrorism. Yes, that is right. In his article, Mr. Mudie tacitly supports the vicious alien attacks that were perpetrated upon our great nation.

Who can forget the fateful events of July 4, 1996, when alien invaders, bent on the elimination of the human race so that they could use the world's resources for their own nefarious needs? No one can forget it, just as Mr. Mudie claims, though while most people remember this terrible deed with the proper respect and solemnity, Mr. Mudie remembers the events as "spectacular, mind-blowingly badass explosions." He lauds those very explosions that devastated our nation and changed the way we look at the world.

PHOTO BY SHAUNA HIRSHFIELD '06

Do we really want this anti-human hooligan writing for the *Spec*?

Mr. Mudie's lack of humanity when regarding this situation makes me wonder if he himself is one of the very aliens that attacked our nation. Surely, he feels some sort of kinship for them, discussing their explosive tactics in reverent terms, hardly once taking the time to consider the suffering that they caused when former First Lady Marilyn Whitmore was harmed in the destruction of Los Angeles. If it were not for the brave efforts of a true hero, Vivica A. Fox, she could still be buried in the rubble somewhere. But Mr. Mudie is no hero. He is more like the people who gathered on roofs to welcome the alien invaders, thinking them saviors. These people, like Mr. Mudie, hate Earth. They are on the same level as the aliens, even though the aliens would not accept such a species into their midst. The aliens hate us because of our humanity and President Thomas J. Whitmore was right when he declared that we must kill them all. Aliens represent a persistent threat to our planet, a threat that Mr. Mudie does not seem to realize, as he glorifies their force fields and exploding-energy-ball weapons.

Indeed, this is not the only time that Mr. Mudie has applauded the actions of brutal aliens. I have looked up past articles and am astounded at the sheer number of times that he supports destruction of the human race, whether it is at the hands of escaped, man-eating dinosaurs or giant alien bugs. Whichever monster he is supporting, the disregard that Mr. Mudie shows for his species is sickening and frankly, I do not think that it has any place in such a prestigious publication as the Hamilton College Spectator. For shame, Mr. Mudie. For shame.

Fan injured at Topsy Washington show

Clinton, NY (AP)

Last Friday, a fan was severely injured while watching the band Topsy Washington play in the Little Pub. One William Roth came to have a few drinks, relax, chill with his friends and maybe hook up a late night encounter. He did not expect the ensuing catastrophe. Witnesses state that Roth was rocking a little too hard in the front row. "It was starting to get dangerous. The way his body was moving; the intensity of his head swaying back and forth," states Tom Modzeleski, Class of 2005, "It looked like he was about to go into a seizure." It seems that the band's unbelievably sick jam on "Amy," off of their newest EP available now at the Hamilton College Bookstore, was just a little too much for Roth to handle.

Maximillian Verrelli went into his obligatory guitar solo and was rocking really hard. While Verrelli is a seasoned veteran of rocking hard, it appears that Roth could just not handle the intensity. Tim Emmerick, lead singer of Topsy, stated, "When Max started shredding those chords, Will's face just melted right off of his head. Literally. In all of my experience of rocking, I have never seen anything like it." Nasty drummer, Matt Amoroso had to comment, "Yeah, it was the sickest thing I have ever seen...Oh wait, some kid's face melted off? I was just talking about Max's solo." The EMTs rushed Roth to the hospital where his status is critical. The doctors say he may never recover from what might go down in rock history as the sickest jam in history. "Yeah, man. Our playing is just dangerous. We are going to have to issue some sort of warning next time just to avoid liability if another fan's face melts off," commented keyboardist Ben Hecht.

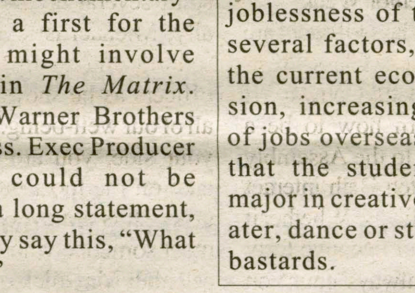


PHOTO COURTESY OF TOPSYWASHINGTON.COM

Future leaders: special thank yous for Student Assembly seniors

by Michael Blasie '07
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR
STUDENT ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

Rarely is the student body or campus community made aware of the countless tasks that engulf the life of a member of the Student Assembly. As I manage and participate in my schedule and responsibilities, I am forced to move at a pace that rarely allows me to stop and give members feedback on how well they are performing their tasks. I always regret not having more time to point out or comment on some of the extraordinary tasks that take place amongst the Assembly. It is with great pleasure that I write to you, the campus community, to recognize some of the most outstanding and incredible members that your Student Assembly has ever seen.

Among the most dedicated and influential members of the Assembly are the Senior Class officers. On top of the standard mounds of responsibilities, they are inherently leaders amongst the assembly members and their committees. Furthermore, they spend the entire year planning the daunting and time consuming task of Senior Week.

The Senior Class Officers are led by their fearless Class President, Elizabeth (Beth) Conway. If you want to learn how to be a leader, just come to the Assembly meetings and watch Beth interact with her fellow officers. Whether it is midterm week or negative forty below, you can always count on Beth to have a smile on her face. She is the kind of girl you would want on any committee because you know that she will get the job done, and get it done right. Her questions are right on target and get to the heart of the matter. In addition, she has very thoughtful comments and suggestions that almost never go without praise. Beth is an extremely caring individual who is highly dedicated to her responsibilities and the task at hand. She cares about the assembly and about this school. Furthermore, she is a wonderful and unforgettable person; you would be hard pressed to find a more kind-hearted and dedicated person at this college. As President, I dread the possibility of disappointing Beth Conway. She is invaluable and deserves the utmost recognition.

Secretary/Treasurer Michael "Oz" Osborne is as brilliant as they come. Michael is not a big talker, but when he does speak, people listen, and they have good reason to. You know that when Michael makes a comment, it is innovative, creative, and vital. He is able to process all of the assembly's information and ensure that no aspect or possible scenario is overlooked. He is a fun-filled jovial gentleman who has a great time fulfilling his responsibilities. His caring and lightheartedness can always lift your spirit several notches. Additionally, Michael is loyal to the Assembly and to his fellow class officers as he shows concern for all of our well-being. With him by your side, you are energized to take on the most intimidating of tasks. It is not everyday that you meet someone who could double as either Maverick or Goose.

When you are in the pressure cooker and need someone to cool things down, Senior Class Representative Nii Ato Bentsi-Enchill is your man. No matter how busy or relaxed our Assembly meeting is, I can always rely upon Nii to be calm, cool, and collected. He is very down to earth and gives it to you straight. He has been heavily involved in the Assembly and jumps into a task and gets his hands dirty. Nii has an uncanny ability to communicate. When he is done speaking, you understand every word he has said. His hand gestures, analogies, and direct speech are vital in carrying a discussion and bringing up significant points. He is also the only person I know whose questions are just as influential as his statements. Nii is full of energy and life. You always know that he is paying close attention and is thinking outside the box. When you need someone to spice things up and hit one out of the park, Nii is your man.

One of my favorite people of all time is Senior Class Representative Janine Knight. Few words can describe Janine without being drastic understatements. She is a great person whose caring knows no bounds. She is always ready to smile or laugh as she remains a steadfast source of sugar, spice, and everything nice. She loves to laugh with you and is always willing to support those who need it. She is respectful, polite, and a great person to be around. You cannot help but feel warm and cozy around her, which makes it very easy to talk with her. Her gentle voice is supplemented with excellent suggestions and an ever-vigilant willingness to help with any and all tasks. She can see the prince in every frog and can calm the most enraged bulls. If you have never met Janine, go say hello, because she is the type of gal that you will meet only once in your lifetime.

No building can stand without a foundation. Senior Class Representative Nakul Patel is the secret weapon of the Senior Class. He holds down the fort and is a constant source of stability and reliance. Nakul is involved in the senior class projects and never fails to accomplish even the most difficult of tasks. He is dedicated to his work and willing to put in the effort to accomplish the mission. No matter how small or large the task, Nakul can break down the task and will delegate responsibilities to himself. He, too, is often quiet, but he actively listens, and right as the meeting adjourns he will walk up to you and explain exactly what he is going to do. The gears are always turning and Nakul is an "army of one" who can assess and accomplish any challenge.

Energy, charisma, and enthusiasm. These words are only the tip of the iceberg that is Senior Class Representative David Sawyer. Dave is the ultimate Renaissance Man. You want him in your classes, in your club, and as a friend. He is an all-around incredible guy. In addition to being a highly active participant in the assembly and being extremely motivated, Dave has demonstrated time and time again an uncanny ability to spark fellow members of the Assembly to life whether through supportive comments, a smile, or via his unforgettable sense of humor. You walk into the room, and you are immediately drawn to Dave. You just want to be around him. He channels all of his energy into his tasks. Dave was born a leader. He is animated, and he is insightful. Brains, brawn, and personality, what more could we ask for?

If you thought it took X-genes or a radioactive spider to give you fantastic abilities, think again. Senior Class Representative Avery Schlicher has a natural passion that triumphs over any and all comparisons. She will speak her mind about the role she is playing and about her concerns. Once Avery is motivated, nothing will stop her from finishing the task. Her unrelenting willpower and confidence allow her to set the example for others to follow. She is capable of working effectively with students and staff alike, all the while maintaining a pleasant demeanor no matter how heated the debate. You can always count on an enjoyable "hello" when walking past her. While saving the world from dastardly villains may not be in her future, changing the world, making a difference, and doing good deeds will no doubt be routine acts for Avery.

These seven students are among Hamilton's best. They have served both you and I for the past year through their hard work, dedication, and sacrifices. Their personalities and intelligence have inspired those around them. Without any esteemed recognition, they dedicated countless hours to bettering our community. We have reaped the benefits of their labor. When I try to depict what the ideal Hamilton student is, I think of these seven individuals. They will no doubt go on to be incredibly successful in whatever lifestyle they choose and are entirely capable of anything they put their minds to. It has been an honor and a delight to work with them. On behalf of the entire Student Assembly, I thank them and wish them the best of luck in all their future plans. They will be missed.

Thumbs up

-Class and Charter Day

-Freshman girls making out for 3 cent beads...God bless Mardi Gras

-New "Family Guy" episodes making work on Sunday absolutely impossible

-Never having to go to your shitty class again

-"Mean Girls" on the movie channel. Admit it, you've watched it four times now

Thumbs down

-Turning the VT into a WWE pay-per-view event

-Spring on the Hill in Commons; 50-Cent and frisbees don't help our hangovers

-The Friend Zone. Come on, friends can still make out.

-Finals week

-Title IX

by Jesse Gaylord '06,
Jason Thomas '06,
Andrew Rice '06

Who cares

-HamTrek...we've been training for Class and Charter Day all year, too

-This column: they are jokes, guys

-Freshman girls, the downward slope begins

-Prison

-Blowing a .33 today

-The rest of *The Spec*

A Hamilton College Student Publication, Clinton NY
Volume XXXXV Number 26

H Spanktator Sports

May 6, 2005

Leinart to transfer to Hamilton for '05 football season

by Shades Ribeye '0-damn!
SPORTS HYPNOTIST

In a stunning turn of events, 2004 Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart has announced he will be transferring from the University of Southern California to Hamilton for the 2005-2006 academic year. Leinart was expected by many to enter the 2005 NFL draft following an outstanding 2004 season at USC, in which he led the Trojans to the National Championship. However, Leinart chose to stay in school for another year, and everyone assumed that year would be completed at USC.

In a statement released to the Spanktator, Leinart said he wanted to transfer to get away from the unchallenging life of USC. "I just got tired of beautiful women, weather and playing with All-Americans beside me," wrote Leinart. "I wanted a new challenge and I wanted to be the first player to ever win championships at multiple schools. Not only that, how cool will it be on draft day next year when I get chosen as the first pick and the commissioner has to read off 'Matt Leinart, Quarterback, Hamilton College'?"

Hamilton is not eligible to compete in The Bowl Championship Series, a computer based poll that generates rankings for the National Championship game. Leinart seemed uninterested in this however, as he was too busy trying to learn what "snow" is and was even more shocked when he learned the temperature could drop below 32 degrees, specially in May.

NCAA rules prohibit coaches from talking to players enrolled at other schools, but one member of the Hamilton football staff offered a few comments as he tore the California plane tickets to shreds.

"We admit nothing at this time, except that Matt is an exceptional football player and he will be a big help to our team," said Chad Stevens, assistant to the backup quarterback coach. "Now if only we could convince Adrian Peterson to come be out tailback. I mean, if only he decided on his own to transfer here. Yeah, that's what I meant to say."

USCHASREALLYHOTGIRLS.COM

Who wouldn't get tired of seeing girls like this every day? We don't blame Matt for wanting to come here.

Leinart, a senior in good academic standing at USC, will be disappointed to learn that he actually will need 16 credits from Hamilton in order to complete his degree. Hamilton does not recognize basket-weaving as a class, and several other classes do not have transfer credit. When informed of this, Leinart responded by saying, "Hey, I doubt anyone in the registrars office could do a better job of finger painting than I did, but they are welcome to try. Oh well, I'll play a year of football, go pro, and just donate a new campus and see if they give me my degree then."

Leinart finished his career at USC on a 22 game winning streak, during which he threw 63 touchdowns against only 9 interceptions. All-in-all he comes to Hamilton with a record of 25-1 as a starter, with 71 career touchdowns and 15 interceptions. His career quarterback efficiency rating is just over 160, nearly 70 points higher than any quarterback in Hamilton history.

The Hamilton College Athletics Department is currently checking into the possibility of a Division III athlete winning the Heisman trophy, as it has never been done before. When asked for a comment on the subject, the Hamilton College Athletics Director responded, "Who the hell is this Matt Leinart kid? And what do you mean we're Division III? No one told me that when I got the job. Who let you into my office anyway? I never give comments to people when they are covering legitimate sports news stories, its against my policy."

The defection has made the Continentals the early favorite to win the NESCAC next season, though Trinity is expected to be equally competitive. Trinity's defense allowed a NESCAC low 52 points last season, a number Leinart hopes to better in one game when the two lock horns.

"The Trojans are all abut safety," commented Leinart. "Not me, when I come to Hamilton, I am going to be all about home run balls, guys taking it all the way. The Trojans won't even be able to stop my Conts. More than anything I want Hamilton students to know how much I am looking forward to coming to the Hill. I hear good things about the Dawg Pound, and I even read in Sports Illustrated that there is a varsity streaking team. I may join that in the offseason to stay in shape until the draft. We're going streaking through the quad to the gymnasium, come on everyone. Do you think KFC is still open?"

Naked Steel Cage Match

by Nasir "Badlands" Jones
FRESH BEATS AND ILL STREETS EDITOR

On Tuesday of this past week, Ross Glynn '07 of the intramural streaking team challenged high school classmate Craig Moores '05 and his varsity counterparts to reenact the duel of Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr in the form of an interpretive all-day streaking gala. Glynn proposed erecting a steel cage between the main quad and the gymnasium in which the festivities would take place, and currently negotiations are in place to bring in Will Ferrell '78 to referee the event.

"We at the IST (Intramural Streaking Team) have made a major push toward equality within the streaking community," said Glynn in a recent interview. "The obsessive media coverage and barriers to entry within the Varsity ranks have propelled us to issue this challenge, and we hope the world will hear our side of the story in regard to PDOPs (public displays of penis) and PDOVs (public displays of vagina)."

Moores combated this inflammatory rhetoric, stating, "I have never heard such absurdities in my life. It's on [expletive]. We streak to win."

Campus Safety has threatened to join in if the threat of violence is too great. A safety officer who has chosen to remain anonymous recently stated, "I will streak the [expletive] out of those kids, they have no [expletive] clue what I'm made of. I have no soul and hate you all, call Guiness you [expletive] potheads."

With the recent uproar over this conflict, Joan Hinde Stewart, Steve Finazzo and Sandy Webb have been brought in to mediate the issue. Stewart proposed an open hour with Opus goodies for this past Wednesday, but a nonviolent protest to faculty intervention was staged by Jeff Long '05 and David Sawyer '05. In a belligerent rage, Long and Sawyer immersed Webb, Finazzo and Stewart in the complexity of their senior theses, which consequently prompted the aforementioned mediation group's intrigue in this event and subsequent acceptance of its occurrence given the abundance of community service involved.

Faculty look to the steel cage match in hopes of conflict resolution and the betterment Hamilton's community relations given the expression of the naked form in its modern historical context. "I really see this taking off as a tradition within our close-nit community," explained faculty liason Christopher Armando Piatelli '07. Katie Bliss '07 also commented, "I see the cage match as a method in which men and women can learn from each other on this campus, and streak the [expletive] out of [expletive] they didn't even know about. This is just an opportunity for these people to fulfill their dreams."

With just one week left to promote this battle of the century, Glynn and Moores have held practices at unprecedented clips in preparation. "I have been running through the glen all week, doing pushups, playing video games, and more or less immersing my mind in the anticipated glory of this event through countless streaking videos and excessive pornography in order to get ready," said Glynn in regard to his preparation. With both teams motivated, only time will tell who will represent the Conts in this conquest of natural beauty, and the rage in the cage may in fact prove to be the answer to all of Hamilton's problems in its raw, barbaric aura contained yet uncontained by the limits or our society.

For more information regarding this event, visit http://www.meaningofplus.com/media.php?section=videos&file=atlantagape.mpeg

Scooters taking over as new fad among Hamilton non-athletes

by Bitsie Harrington '12
FACEBOOK STALKER EDITOR

Forget the rage in the sage… athlete of the week… traditional sports… the newest rage on the Hill is the scooter boys who are definitely our pinups of the week (um, make that semester). These crafty (yet extremely lazy) boys have been scootering around for the last couple of weeks for the sake of charity. Charity, you ask? Well, obviously… isn't that what all the cool kids are doing?

"We see a definite need in our community," said Lawrence, the leader of the pack. "There are too many people who don't have a polo to pop and we see this as a social inequality that needs to be addressed."

For those who are unaware and living in a hole, scootering is a full-blown, legit sport at Hamilton College. One of the greatest things about this sport (which has sadly yet to receive Varsity status) is that it is relatively easy to join: you must be a member of the Hamilton Cool, preferably be addicted to 80s music, and be lazy as all hell.

Think you have what it takes? Tryouts are intense and only the strong of heart and mind are encouraged to apply for membership. All those interested must participate in the tryout which consists of scootering to KJ from the Burke Library on your expensive $3000 scooter that offers you no physical exercise whatsoever; please note: no extra battery packs are allowed.

The team is hoping to acquire uniforms before the fall season, but there have been various disputes about this issue. "There's definitely been a split among the group," commented Lawrence.

"We don't know whether to go with whales on our pants or move towards the more classic pattern of madras. It's a tough choice and something that we will have to seriously debate in Nantucket this summer."

If you want to see these boys in action, then camp out on the North quad and wait for their spectacular performances in front of Root Hall. One problem that might hinder your viewing of this ridiculous display of laziness: these boys take more time to get ready for the sport of scootering than they actually spend scootering (hey, this is a no-judgement zone: coordinating multiple polos is a tough job… but someone has to do it).

Arts & Entertainment

Ten most screwed up movies ever, part 2

by Noah Wright '08
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT COLUMNIST

Last week we left off with *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at #5, which I'm sure is the most screwed up movie many of you have ever seen. Let me tell you that these last four blow *Rocky Horror* out of the water, beginning with:

4. *Lucky People Center International*

How could you go wrong with a title like *Lucky People Center International*? *LPCI* is a documentary about people. An anthropologist. A yogi. A 1970's porn star. A Chinese spiritual lecturer. Stock footage of Bill Clinton and the leader of the Heaven's Gate cult. Random Japanese people on the street spliced and edited so that their speech fits whatever music is currently playing in the background. Every kind of dance from Capoeira to tribal Africans covered in some yellow substance to teens in a club to an elaborately dressed Indian woman stamping her feet. A bunch of guys in a big monastery who stand in a line, hit themselves, and shout at the top of their lungs. Don't laugh, you'd do the same given half the chance after seeing this movie.

3. *Brazil*

Terry Gilliam has made a whole host of screwed up movies, from the well-known *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*, a prolonged drug-trip based off of the book by Hunter S. Thompson to the lesser-known *Time Bandits*, a children's movie about midgets who've stolen a map of the holes in the universe from God and travel through time hunting for treasure, not knowing that Satan wants the map too and is chasing after them. Sean Connery plays a fireman and Agamemnon. I could not have made up a plot like that even with the assistance of shrooms, yet *Brazil* somehow manages to be even wackier. Taking place in some weird nightmare-bureaucracy world, *Brazil* can most accurately be described as George Orwell and Joseph Heller's illegitimate crack-baby.

2. *The Happiness of the Katakuris*

Terry Gilliam, when it comes to raw insanity, can only be topped by one man, and that man is Japanese director Takashi Miike. Miike's opus of work includes *Ichi the Killer*, a movie about sadomasochists torturing and murdering each other; *Audition*, a slow-paced lighthearted romantic comedy that turns into extreme graphic horror for the last twenty minutes (never watch this movie if you ever intend to get acupuncture), *Dead or Alive*, a hard-biting crime drama with the most out-of-place ending in the history of cinema, and *Visitor Q*, a movie so vile and horrific it makes I*chi the Killer* look like a Teletubbies episode. Among these stands *The Happiness of the Katakuris*, a comedy-musical-horror-family film, as the craziest of them all, most likely due to the fact that *Happiness* switches to claymation at random points. You know, to keep you on your toes.

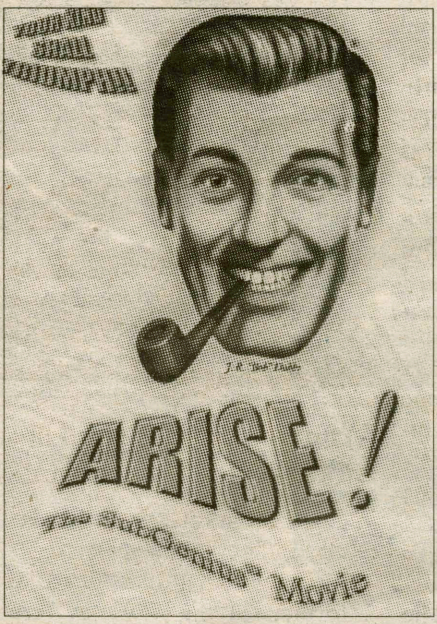


PHOTO COURTESY OF DVDAFICIANADO.COM

Slacking off? So this movie is about a church for people with severe senioritis? Sign me up!

1. *Arise!*

"What the hell do you think you're doing? Dragging your butt through the day selling your body and soul to a bunch of bland normals? Acting stupid so they'll think you're one 'a them? Tired of getting all of the guilt but none of the sex? There is a simple answer, dear friend, a glowing beacon of Slack amidst the turmoil and darkness. It's J.R. 'Bob' Dobbs, the living slackmaster and his Church of the SubGenius! Bob brings a new destiny for the abnormal, for Bob comes to justify our sins, to unmask the conspiracy and to get us back the Slack they stole away. It's us versus them, are you gonna fry away in hell on earth alongside the pink boys or will you pull the wool over your own eyes and accept Bob into your mind? Repent! Quit your job! Slack off! And Praise Bob!" -Reverend Ivan Stang, founder of Church of the SubGenius.

Honorable Mentions:

Bubba Ho-Tep: A movie about Elvis and a black JFK in a nursing home and their epic struggle against a 3000-year-old mummy that sucks elderly people's souls out through their buttocks.

Labyrinth: Jim Henson live-action movie about David Bowie in tights playing the King of the Goblins, who's kidnapped the baby brother of a teenaged girl played by ass-to-ass-chick from *Requiem for a Dream*.

End of Evangelion: An anime movie that ends the TV series Neon Genesis Evangelion, featuring angsty teens, giant robots, horrifically sacrilegious use of Christian imagery, clones, and the end of the world as we know it.

Badass Movie Reviews: *Jurassic Park*

"Uninteresting movie reviews of seriously outdated movies that no one wishes to see."

by Tim Mudie '05
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

They always say to save the best for last, so that's exactly what I did. Last week, I prepped you for it, but this week it's the real deal. There's only one movie that is so perfectly badass and still an amazing movie. Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you my favorite movie of all time: *Jurassic Park*.

When I was a kid, I loved dinosaurs. I mean, I loved them. When I was five, I decided that I wanted to be a paleontologist and thought I would be until I was eleven and abruptly decided I wanted to be a writer. It's probably not a coincidence that I read *Jurassic Park* for the first time when I was eleven years old and saw the movie when I was ten. From the moment I heard Muldoon yelling "Shoot her!" as the worker's hand slips from his grip, I knew that *Jurassic Park* would have an everlasting impression on me. Since that great day, I've seen the movie countless times and not once has it diminished in badassness or sheer greatness.

If you have any doubt about what makes *Jurassic Park* badass, then you are not my friend. Kate Borne '06 (who was originally going to write this with me) is my friend because she knows. It's the dinosaurs. Oh, those glorious, killer dinosaurs. Like he did in *Jaws*, Spielberg creates suspense by not showing the dinosaurs right away. You see a raptor's eye, a T-Rex's leg, rustling in the trees, but no dinosaurs. Oh sure, there's a few cheap plant-eating dinosaurs, like the Brachiosaurus and Triceratops, but everyone knows that the carnivores are the real badasses. Remember when the cables are pulled from the electric fence and suddenly, there's a T-Rex on the loose? And then he destroys the cars, eats a guy and just generally does his T-Rex thing? Now that is one badass animal. In fact, leading scientists maintain that the Tyrannosaurus Rex went extinct because the species became so badass that the world simply could not hold them and the species imploded into its own badass. Look, I know it doesn't sound likely, but that's what scientists are saying, ok? Sheesh.

PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSE-REVIEW.CA

Many paleontologists think that the Tyrannosaurus Rex may actually have scavenged for its food rather than hunting it down and killing it. Those paleontologists have clearly never seen *Jurassic Park*.

But the T-Rex isn't even the most badass dinosaur in the park. That, my friends has to be the Velociraptors. Once they get out of their pen, all bets are off. One of the most badass scenes in the movie is when they're hunting the kids in the kitchen. The quiet intelligence they show, sniffing around, jumping onto tables, trying to flush out their prey, is evolutionary badassness in action. Raptors instantly became my favorite dinosaur ever. They captured the imagination of every badass kid who saw the movie, and that's a lot of badass kids.

Jurassic Park doesn't really have any explosions, which would normally take away from its badass rating. In this case, though, I'm making an exception because there is just so much badass stuffed into the dinosaur scenes. There's the herd of Gallimimus being chased by the T-Rex, the Raptors hunting Muldoon... hell, just about every scene with a dinosaur is badass.

Something else impressive about *Jurassic Park* is its surprising quotability. Normally, comedies are quoted far more than dramas. Think about it. How many times have you heard someone quote *Napoleon Dynamite*? Now, how many times have you heard someone quote *Million Dollar Baby*? Exactly. Somehow, though, *Jurassic Park* manages to be quotable, even though it's not a comedy. *Jurassic Park* knows not to take itself too seriously, which is why there's always a wry sense of humor underneath. It's that sense of humor that makes so many random lines quotable. They hardly even need a context; I have friends who will randomly shout "It's in your blood!" like Mr. DNA during the tour. *Jurassic Park* has practically become part of the collective subconscious; people just know about it. Frankly, I think that that's a beautiful thing. This has been Badass Movie Reviews. Next Week: Sike! I'm graduating, suckers! Thanks for reading! Peace!

Senior Art Show displays eclectic mix of media and styles

by Alex Taylor '07
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

A catholicity of taste and material governs this year's Senior Art Show. Cardboard sculptures of dying robots lie next to painted wheelbarrows and video recordings of worn out grandmothers; fast and loose use is made of the art historical well with quick appropriations of Asian prints and the fabled slather of abstract expressionism. Clumsy, muddy, and narcissistic, such promiscuity nevertheless lends the exhibition a certain joyful largesse absent from last year's show. Several of the works achieve a notable success.

Among the more memorable works in the exhibition are George Earle's '05 ceramic cups, bowls, and plates. Heaped and smudged with indigo colored glaze and flecks of white paint, Earle's painted details look like Franz Kline on a dish and recall the quick notary's brush of Utica Stoneware. Rarely does the mandarin form of ceramic lend itself to salivating lust as Earle's obsidian and brown glazed cup set does, frothing a leopard spotted white like foam from the stein.

Ashley Ferrell's '05 untitled series of chubby hands and obese female torsos recall the baroque swing of Thomas Hart Benton's hooked and curved pictorial syntax. Cropped at the neck and floating in backgrounds of a gray din, Ferrell's delicate exaggeration of the knots and buttes of the human form lends her painted nudes the rotund calm of a hot air balloon.

Carrie Turvey's '05 deft mono "No Aware (The Poignant Sadness of Things)" looks skeletal in comparison, a bony alphabet of scrapes, inkblot and cut masking tape thinly arrayed on white canvas and suggestively bent around what looks like the rising Japanese sun. Light to the touch, one wishes that Ms. Turvey would lay the paint on thicker next time for looking at the rough fibers of her exposed canvas, a certain grim vapidity threatens the overwhelming.

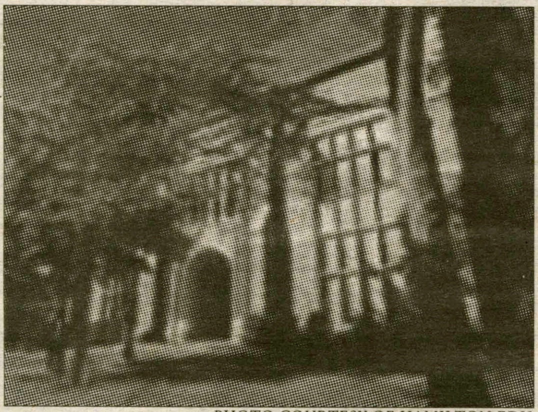


PHOTO COURTESY OF HAMILTON.EDU

If you want to see the Senior Art Show, you should go into this building. Word.

Craig Moore's '05 generously thick "Spiritus Humani" is pure theater. Composed of what look like varnished bone parts and crowned with the antlered skull of a deer, Moore's work hunches forward like a horror film line backer lurking off the set. Sarah Fritchey's '05 des illumination similarly veers toward a gothic pitch with its lower band of bones and a cobra that vie way to a naked woman and a single tornado. Her rice paper collage, titled "Evolution", along with two or three of Kaitlyn Bear's '05 exaggerated portraits, is among the few aesthetically pleasurable works in the show. A golden bog of lily pad, swamp grass and porches sifting through the molten yellow there is something of the modern, toxic luxe to her work.

Included in the most recent Art Student's League exhibition, Maria Jose Perez's macabre "Death Awaits the Late Human Being" reappears at the Emerson Gallery. A lithe work of a pair of bone hands drowsily hung atop a suggestively vulva shaped egg, looking at the sculpture one thinks of the single pair of hands jutting from atop early Christina images of God. Although, like most of her contemporaries, Perez's work suffers from the weight of heavy-handed symbolism - "the sphere symbolizes plenitude, movement, the womb, the earth, the principle of creation" one plaque reads - her Mujer (Woman) sculpture is an impressively tectonic construction of form.

Alexis Mann's '05 photographic essay titled "Fame'e-le" is perhaps the only work in the exhibition with more than a skinflint sense of moral refraction. A three year undertaking to document the life of an impoverished family in Utica, one looks at the family eating breakfast, around the Christmas tree, and mugging for the camera. Far too sentimental for the detached look of documentary - one actually sees Mann's reflection in one photograph - her photography is certainly the most fully felt.

Little Barrie: new school funk in a world of New Age

by Tara McCarthy '06
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CONTRIBUTOR

The Killers gave us Brit-inspired dance rock. They're from Las Vegas. The Thrills gave us California sunshine pop rock. They're from Ireland. Little Barrie, though, are just who they appear to be: 3 new school British guys with a serious love for the old school. Little Barrie strips rock and roll down to its funkdified roots, and simplicity has never sounded so badass. The band uses no sweeping synth effects or even guitar effects, and the result is a unique, raw, vintage sound that references everything from blues to contemporary hip-hop and sounds nothing like throw back impersonations of The Smiths or The Cure.

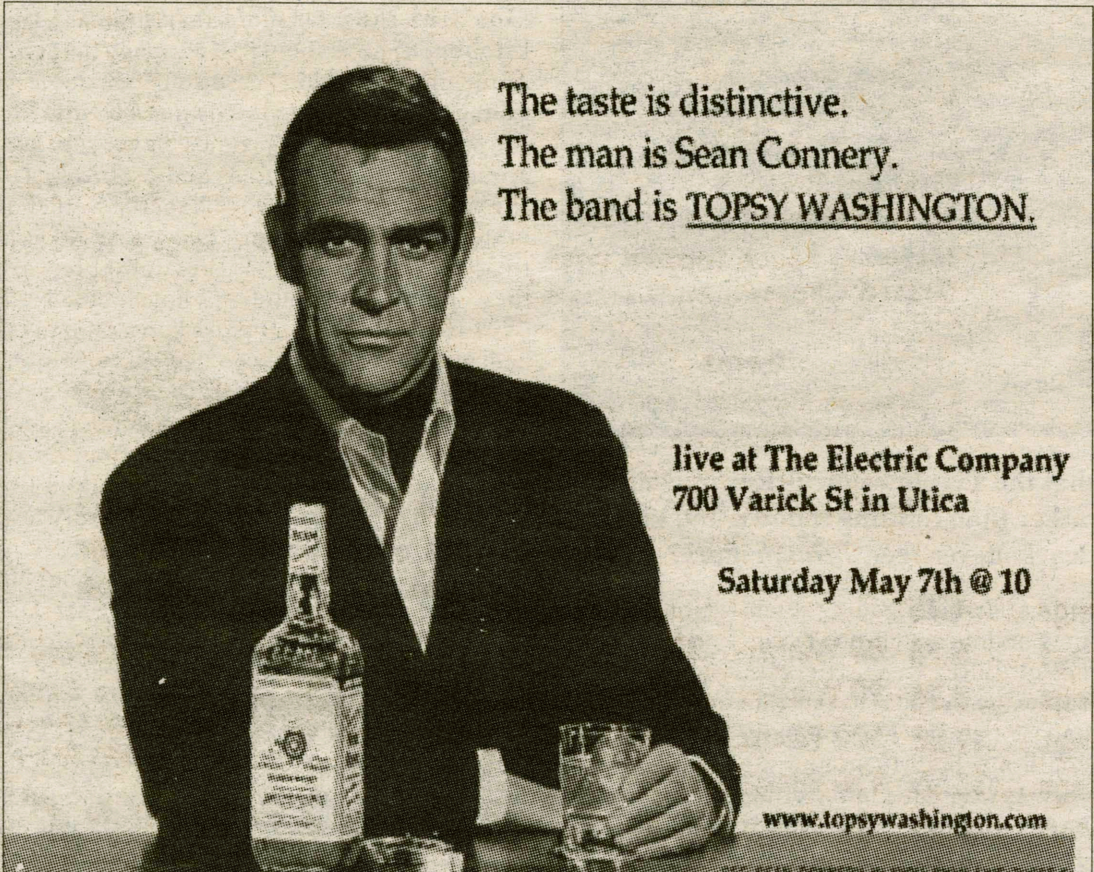
On their new EP, guitarist Barrie Cadogan and bassist Lewis Wharton marry blues and rock on "Be The One," and sound especially retro on the single "Burned Out." Wayne Fulwood's old school drum beats (he uses only kick drum, snare and hi-hat) drive nearly every track. The lyrics of "Thinking on the Mind" conjure a pensive melancholy only blues rock can achieve, as Cadogan confesses, "Think I'm lonely, well you're right." I'll be your friend, Barrie.

One review described the EP as a combination of Dylan, James Brown and Hendrix. (Just trying to imagine that combination hurts my brain.) Another said: "Think White Stripes getting down and dirty with James Brown's earliest grooves." I think that comes closer. Listen and see for yourself. I may not know everything about music, but I know one thing: Little Barrie are damn good.

Little Barrie's four song EP is available locally at Mr. Melodic Revolution in Clinton, NY. Their full-length US debut CD is due out in June on Artemis Records. Check out more about Little Barrie at artemisrecords.com and littlebarrie.com.

Sources: www.littlebarrie.com and Angus Batey's review in *The Times: The Eye, Music & CD* (5-11 February 2005). Musical advice and title from Matthew Amoroso.

PHOTO COURTESY OF GLASSWERK.CO.UK



The taste is distinctive.
The man is Sean Connery.
The band is TOPSY WASHINGTON.

live at The Electric Company
700 Varick St in Utica

Saturday May 7th @ 10

www.topsywashington.com

The editors would like to thank everyone who wrote for us this year, especially the people who wrote when they said they would and sent their articles in on time. The rest of you are alright too, but the first group is our favorites.

Keep up the badass, and don't let Hamilton get all lame without us, you hear?

Love and Badass,
Whitney Knowlton Rothe and
Tim Mudie

Advertisements

Why take it with you?
Why Not...

SIMPLY STORAGE

Summer Storage Made Easy!

- **FREE** Pick-Up & Delivery
- All Packing Supplies are Delivered Directly to You! (We supply the boxes, tape and bubble-wrap)
- Our Storage Facility is Climate Controlled
- **FREE** Estimates! Call **1-888-9Store It**

storeit@frontiernet.net • www.isimplystorage.com
1-888-978-6734• Fax: 585-473-3555

Movieplex 9 ONEIDA
WWW.HOLLYWOOD.COM
RTE.5 & 46 GLENWOOD SHOPPING PLAZA
24 HRS MOVIE INFO 363-6422

ORLANDO BLOOM STADIUM SEATING
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
●2:00▲5:00-8:00 DTS R

HOUSE OF WAX PARIS HILTON STADIUM SEATING
●12:10●2:35▲4:55-7:30-10:00 DTS R

crash SANDRA BULLOCK DON CHEADLE
●12:35●2:45▲5:10-7:15-9:25 DTS R

#1 MOVIE IN AMERICA
HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY
●12:20●2:40▲5:00-7:20-9:40 DTS PG

XXX: STATE OF THE UNION ICE CUBE
●12:45●3:00▲5:15-7:35-9:45 PG-13

INTERPRETER NICOLE KIDMAN SEAN PENN
●1:50▲4:30-7:10-9:50 PG-13

AMITYVILLE HORROR
●1:40●3:45▲5:40-7:45-9:55 R

A LOT LIKE LOVE ASHTON KUTCHER
●12:00●2:20▲4:40-7:05-9:20 PG-13

PACIFIER ●12:35▲4:45 PG

FEVER PITCH ●2:35-7:00 PG-13

THE UPSIDE OF ANGER 9:10 R

W/COLLEGE ID $5.50 ▲TWILITES NITELY
●MATINEES FRI-SAT-SUN

Ashworth Books
BOOKS Wanted. Top $ paid for good quality books new or old. Free call anytime. Ashworth **Books. 1-877 563-1580**

PIZZERIA GRANDES RESTAURANT
OF CLINTON
853-7700

12 East Park Row
Clinton, NY 13323

10% OFF
off of all purchases
for Hamilton Students
with ID and this Coupon

Specials

Small Pizza & 20 Wings **10.75**
Large Pizza & 25 Wings **17.95**
Large Pizza & 50 Wings **19.95**

Specialty Pizzas

Round Tomato Pie....6.75
Garlic Pizza....8.95
Garlic Broccoli Pizza....10.95
Garlic, Hot Peppers, Black Olives & Tomato....13.95
Buffalo Chicken Pizza (Med., Hot & BBQ Sauce)....13.95
Grandes Famous Upside Down Pizza
Marinara Sauce Topped With Grated Cheese....9.95

Hormel Foods

Pizza

	Small	Large
Cheese	6.00	8.95
1 Item	6.75	9.95
2 Items	7.50	10.95
3 Items	7.75	11.95
4 Items	8.50	12.95

Small = 8 pieces Large = 16 pieces

Items
Broccoli, Eggplant, Sausage, Mushrooms, Pepperoni, Peppers, Onions, Meatballs, Spinach, Anchovies, Double Cheese, Black Olives

Slices

Garlic Slices....1.16 each + tax
Pizza Slices....1.16 each + tax
Extras....35c each

10 Wings....4.75
20 Wings....6.75
30 Wings....8.75
40 Wings....11.95
50 Wings....13.95
60 Wings....15.95
70 Wings....17.95
80 Wings....19.95
90 Wings....21.95
100 Wings....24.95
150 Wings....35.00
200 Wings....46.00
250 Wings....54.00

Frank's RedHot
Celery 85c Extra
Bleu Cheese 85c Extra

Buffalo Style CHICKEN WINGS

Science & Technology

Summer Research Program will continue despite construction on the Science Building

by Laura Trubiano '07
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WRITER

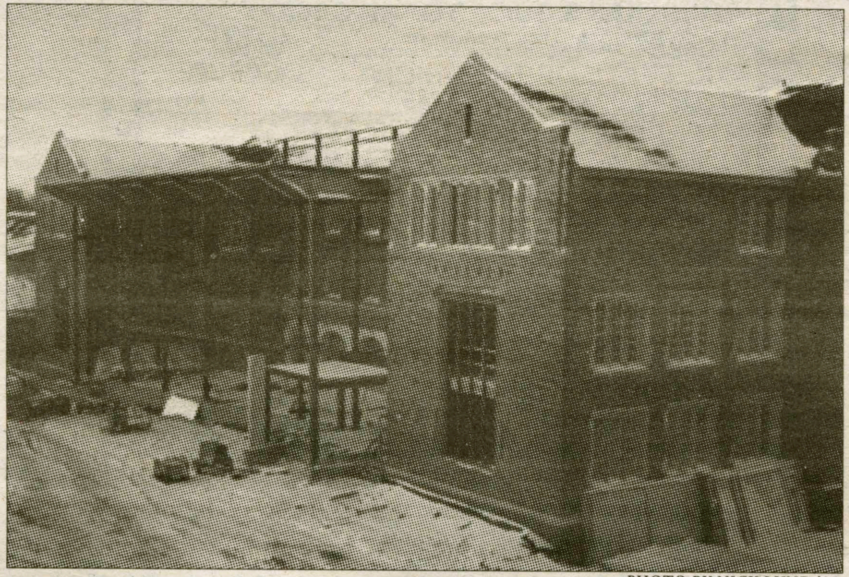


PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Construction on the Science Building will continue throughout the summer. The front atrium will serve as a lounge area.

While many places on campus will be relatively quiet this summer, the Science Building will be bustling with activity, both inside and out. This summer will see the completion of the new Science Center, a project that has been in the works since 1997. Going on around the construction and moving will be the Summer Research Program, with projects happening in several departments.

Phase two of the construction is expected to be finished August 31, so when we return in the fall most science classes will be held in the new building in brand new classrooms.

The planning for this project began in 1997, the design began in 2000 and construction began in June 2002. Students will still be here next week when they begin drilling the geo-thermal walls on the west side of the building (closest to the field house), and soon after that the windows for the front atrium will be installed. If you are leaving for the summer expect huge changes when you return.

The ground floor will continue to be occupied by the physics department, but the main science auditorium will also be open and ready for use.

The ground floor will have more labs, a physics demonstration room, a classroom, building shop, and the biology and geology "mudroom," as well as the geology rock prep room.

The first floor will still house the chemistry department as it does now, but in the new space will be geology offices, research labs, teaching labs and an x-ray lab. There will also be seminar rooms and a kitchen.

The biology department is half moved in to the second floor, and will expand into the new space (the phase two structure) so all biology faculty are on the second floor.

In addition to the teaching and research labs, there will be an aquarium room and a microscopy and imagery suite to house the electron microscopes, which are currently in storage.

The south end of the second floor will contain archaeology research and teaching labs and offices. In addition, there will be two 40 person classrooms, a seminar room, and the administrative assistant offices for the building (now in the chemistry student lounge).

The third floor will be home to the psychology department, now spread out between the science building and Saunders. It will contain the psychology common room, two 40-person classrooms, a 20-person computing classroom, a videotaping suite, and a psychology senior project room, for seniors to use for their studies. There will also be a 55-person tiered room which is designed to enhance discussion.

One of the most anticipated parts of the new building is the atrium in the front, which will serve as a kind of lounge area. The front will be all glass windows and the stones used for the floor will be continuous inside and outside.

The ventilation system is extremely energy efficient; the vents will be contained in benches, keeping the heat lower. There will be a kiosk containing information about the building and how it is environmentally friendly. Balconies from each floor will look out over it.

No one has seen anything in the phase two section of the building yet, so students are anticipating coming back and using the brand new space.

However, all of the construction and the work each department has to do to move has reduced the number of students professors are able to take on for the summer. Still, there are some very exciting projects happening. Some projects include:

Neuroscience

Seven students will work on two projects in the neuroscience laboratory under Associate Professor of Biology Herman Lehman.

The first project investigates how the nervous system controls and regulates social behavior in honeybees. The neurotransmitter octopamine is critical in the behavioral maturation of the bees, and higher octopamine levels seem to results in the transtition of a bee from a nurse to a forager.

The project is currently investigating what controls octopamine levels to better understand the communication pathway that controls the social transition.

The second project will examine what happens in single octopamine cells and how nitric oxide interacts with octopamine.

Chemistry

Associate Professor of Chemistry Karen Brewer will work with five students on a joint project with physics students under Professor of Physics Ann Silversmith to investigate the synthesis of rare earth-containing chelated compounds.

The goal of the project is to increase the fluorescence (emission of light under ultraviolet light) of rare earth ions by using the chelating molecules to protect them from the processes that reduce fluorescence.

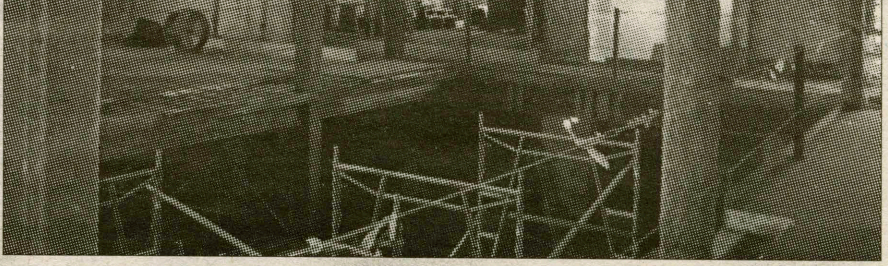


PHOTO BY IAN MANDEL '06

Summer research projects will take place in neuroscience, chemistry and biology. The number of students allowed to remain on campus to participate in the summer research has had to be decreased, due to the construction in the Science Building.

This project and the student stipends are being supported by a grant from the American Chemical Society, Petroleum Research Fund, and Hamilton College summer research funds.

Silas D. Childs Professor of Chemistry Robin Kinnel is involved in the study of marine invertebrates and algae to find potential candidates for useful drugs, particularly those that can be used against cancer.

Shayna McHugh '05 has been working on this project every year she has been at Hamilton looking at the sponge Stylotella aurantium, and has demonstrated several metabolites from this sponge that may be useful.

The sponge studies will continue this summer as an incoming freshman, Mike Flanders '09, will continue the investigation.

Associate Professor of Chemistry Ian Rosenstein will work with four students on three different projects. One will experiment with ways to control the three dimensional shapes of molecules formed in free radical addition reactions; these products can be used to synthesize amino acid residues which may be useful in the pharmaceutical industry.

Another project will be in collaboration with Lehman's neuroscience project with octopamine, synthesizing compounds to be used in the neuroscience tests.

The third project will investigate the mechanism of the ring opening reaction of the cyclopropylcarbinyl radical, which is used extensively to measure the rates of other reactions.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry Karl Kirschner and Winslow Professor of Chemistry George Shields will work with 20 students on projects in atmospheric and biological chemistry, including the accurate determination of acid dissociation constants, which was covered in last week's issue.

This research is funded by the National Science Foundation, research corporation, and Hamilton.

Biology

Associate Professor of Biology William Pfitsch and Leonard C. Ferguson Professor of Biology Ernest Williams will work with students as a team in the Rome Sand Plains.

Pfitsch's research will focus on the growth of lupine plants-flowering herbs that belong to the pea family-and the effects of soil pH on growth and also monitoring experiments done to try to enhance lupine growth by removing trees.

Williams's research will focus on the Painted Elfin butterfly, which lays its eggs on the lupine plants. He will look at features on managing the habitat.

Professor of Biology David Gapp's group will study the factors controlling smooth muscle contraction in painted turtles, including temperature effects and the role of calcium.

Professor of Biology Jinnie Garrett will work with students on a project involving the molecular genetics of yeast. They will be studying the uptake of amino acids by yeast cells using "genetically-engineered" yeast strains to study the regulation of this process.

Summer research is one of the many strengths of the science program at Hamilton. As Professor Williams said, "There is a different atmosphere than during the year. You are learning at a different pace."

Summer research is a good opportunity to gain experience that is important for going on in the sciences.

Updates on summer research projects will be available online, so be sure to check in and see what's going on here on the Hill over the summer.

First zebra-donkey hybrid is born in Barbados

by Katherine Jurras '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WRITER

A zebra named Allison gave birth to an animal that is causing a stir in Barbados. The animal, named Alex, is a healthy... zonkey?

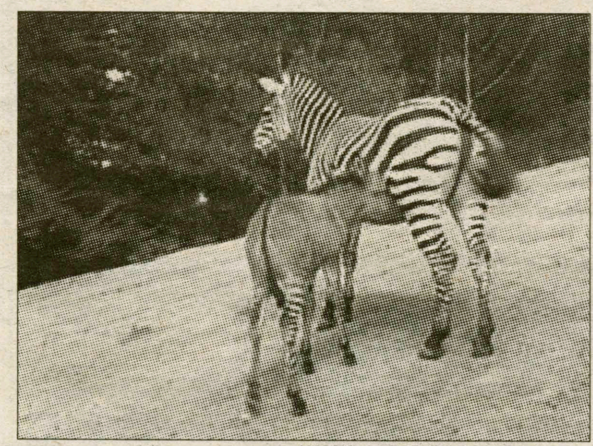


PHOTO COURTESY OF TBLOG.COM

Alex, the offspring of a female zebra and a male donkey was born in Barbados recently. He is the first zonkey to be born in Barbados.

He was sired by a donkey, and is the first of this type of hybrid to inhabit the island of Barbados. Alex was born on Thursday, April 21, 2005.

Although zebra hybrids are a relatively common type of hybrid, they are unusual to the small, Caribbean island. In fact, even zebras are uncommon in Barbados, according to Yahoo news.

Allison, the mother of the baby zonkey, is one of two zebras brought to the island from Botswana in the late 1990s.

Allison and the other zebra, George, live on a large farm with several types of animals, including sheep, ducks and goats, according to Yahoo news. George has suffered an illness for a long time, and Allison began spending time with a donkey.

The product of the zebra and donkey is a small, brown horse-like animal with black and white zebra stripes on his face and legs.

According to Yahoo news, Natalie Harvey, a local waitress, commented that the new animal is, "really funny and a little bit freaky," She added, "I was stunned to hear about such a weird thing happening here."

The zonkey in Barbados is creating a great deal of interest on the island because of its unusual nature, but in fact hybrids have been controversial in the United States for some time.

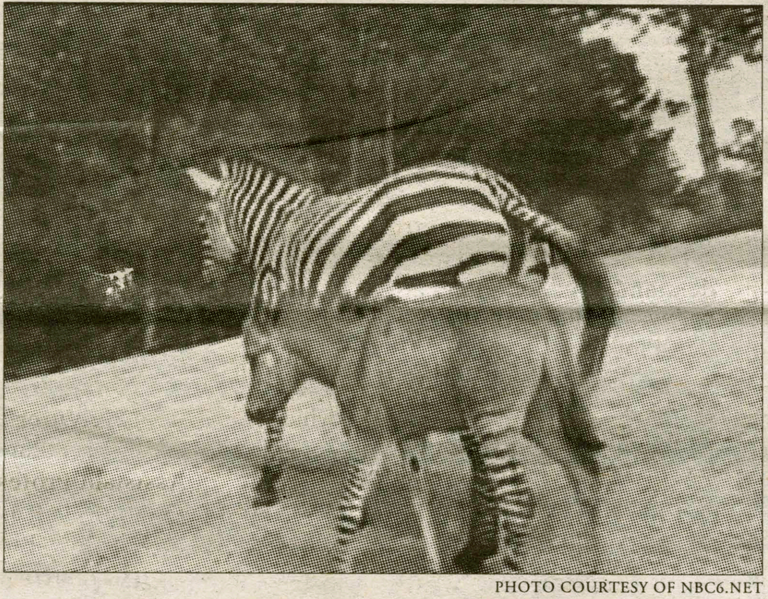


PHOTO COURTESY OF NBC6.NET

Many hybrid combinations have been attempted in the United States. These include ligers and tigons (lion/tiger mixes), beefalo (bison/cow mixes), wolphins (whale/dolphin mix) and camas (camal/llama mixes).

Some hybrid animal combinations that have been attempted include ligers and tigons (lion/tiger mixes), beefalo (bison/cow mix), Bengal and Savannah cats (Asian Leopard Cat/domesticated cat mixes) wolphins (whale/dolphin mix) and camas (llama/camel mix).

Of the many hybrids that have been successfully created, big cat mixes are the most common and create the most interest. These hybrids often have incredible markings and are particularly famous because of their impressive size and appearance. Ligers, in fact, can grow up to 12 feet tall-significantly larger than any naturally occurring big cat.

Hybrids can only exist when the two species are close enough that the sperm and egg can create an animal that will survive naturally. These animals are generally created out of curiosity or for research purposes and are almost always infertile.

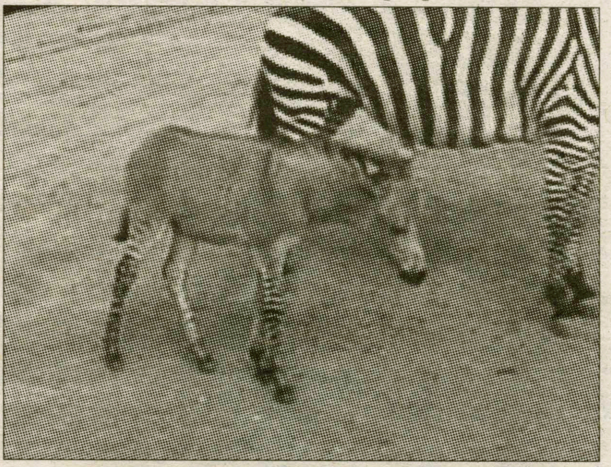


PHOTO COURTESY OF Q101.COM

Many animal rights activists are concerned with the research of hybrids, because they believe that the time and energy would be better spent on research to protect endangered species. Alex, however, was born naturally.

If the species are similar enough, however, sometimes the hybrids are partially if not entirely fertile. In the case of Barbados, the zonkey was created naturally. Some people believe that the sterility of most hybrids is a sign of their unnaturalness.

Because hybrids are born into captivity, they can never exist in the wild. Hybrids are controversial because keeping them in captivity takes valuable resources away from endangered and threatened animals that need the protection more.

Some animal rights activists believe that it is a more productive use of time and money to work on protecting and saving endangered species like tigers than to create and maintain brand new species of hybrids. In fact, some people are opposed even to protecting animals like the white tiger, a species that is now completely extinct in the wild.

More controversial than hybrids are chimeras-animal mixes that are created by fusing the embryos of two animals that would not mate naturally.

Stem cell research and other progressive forms of science have propelled interesting human-animal combinations in recent years, including the fusion of human cells with rabbit eggs and pigs with human blood flowing through their veins.

Researchers at Stanford University endeavor to create mice with human brains later this year. The theory behind these chimeras is that the more human-like the animals, the easier it will be to use them as research models for spare human parts (such as livers) or drug testing.

Despite the ethical considerations of chimeras, no laws in the United States prevent their creation, as they can lead to productive research gains.

Barbados' new zonkey is only one of many instances of interesting animal hybrids, and undoubtedly there will be more hybrids in the future to shake up the laws of nature.

Attractive children are treated better

by Rebecca Grusky '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WRITER

A Canadian research team from the University of Alberta found that parents tend to treat attractive children better than ugly children, according to a *New York Times* article on Tuesday, May 3, 2005.

The research was conducted in 14 supermarkets, with observations of more than 400 parent-child interactions.

One of their most significant findings was that child seatbelt use in shopping carts was positively correlated with attractiveness, especially for boys.

Although this finding was consistent for men and women, more women strapped in unattractive children than men did. Attractiveness was rated on a scale of 1 to 10.

Other factors in determining parental attentiveness were how often children were allowed to engage in potentially dangerous activities, such as standing up in the grocery cart, and whether children were let out of the sight of their parents.

Several researchers are doubtful that physical unattractiveness alone would play such an important role in parent-child interactions, and they question the team's research methods.

The head of the research team, Dr. W. Andrew Harrell, says that although he does not control for socioeconomic factors, he believes that unattractiveness is important in all social classes.

First planet observed outside of solar system

by Caitlin Rochford '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Since the mid-1990s, over one hundred planets outside of the solar system have been discovered, but for the first time ever, a research team of American and European scientists have been able to directly observe this extra-solar planet, according to CNN.com.

Images taken by a telescope in northern Chile recently showed a clear image of "two separate objects bound by gravity moving together, according to CNN.com.

"Our new images show convincingly that this really is a planet, the first planet that has ever been imaged outside of our solar system," said Gael Chauvin, an astronomer at the European Southern Obseratory, according to CNN.com.

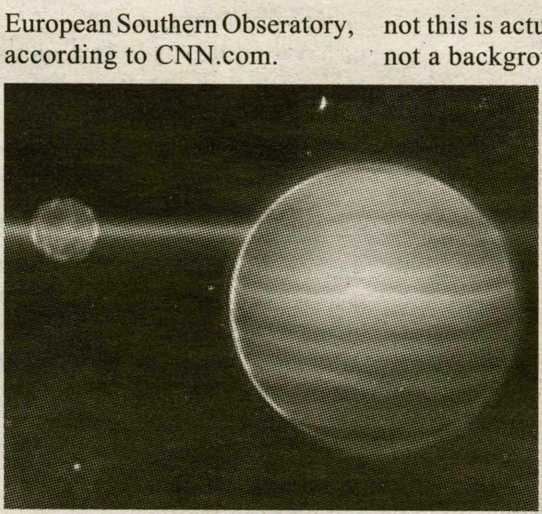


PHOTO COURTESY OF CNN.COM

A new planet, 2M1207B, was recently obeserved outside of the solar system.

There has been a debate surrounding this discovery, as many still question whether or not this is actually a planet and not a background star.

But researchers working on the project say that they are 99 percent positive that it is a a planet.

The planet, called 2M1207B, is approximated to be about five times the mass of Jupiter. It is orbiting a brown dwarf, 2M1207A, at a distance twice as far as Neptune is from the sun.

Results from the team's research will be published soon in an issue of *Astronomy and Astrophysics*.

Johnson appointed new chief of EPA

by Caitlin Rochford '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

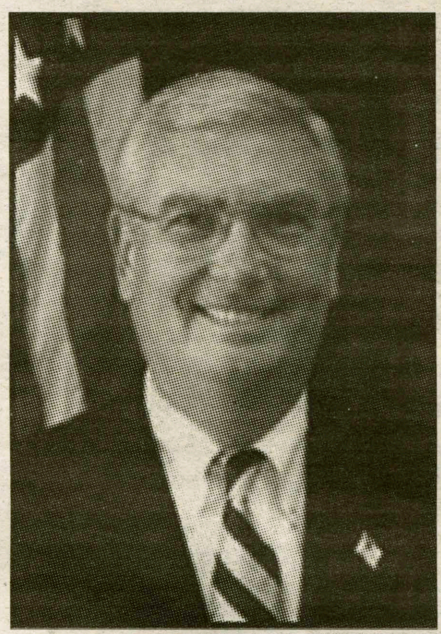


PHOTO COURTESY OF EPA.GOV

New EPA Chief Stephen Johnson is the first chief ever appointed with a background in science. Johnson will head the EPA- an agency with more than 18,000 employees and a budget of $8.6 billion.

The Senate approved the appointment of Stephen Johnson as the new chief of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on Friday, April 29, 2005.

This appointment finally came to pass Friday morning after the Senate voted 61-37 to remove a filibuster that was holding up the vote.

Senator Thomas Carper (D-DE) had blocked the vote to protest the EPA's repeated disregard of his requests for an analysis of President Bush's proposals to reduce air pollution.

Johnson has worked for about 25 years in the EPA and is the first chief with a background in science. Since January 2005, Johnson acted as Acting Administrator. Before that he had been Deputy Administrator and Acting Deputy Administrator of the Agency.

Carper said that Johnson, "Sent a clear message that the White House and federal agencies have a responsibility to provide Congress with information that will help us write good, balanced legislation," according to CNN.com.

Johnson was sworn in on Tuesday, May 2, 2005. According to the EPA, Johnson came into office with the goal of "promoting and maintaining the utilization of sound science while using collaborative, innovative approaches to solving environmental problems."

Before working for the EPA, Johnson worked as the Director of Operations at Hazelton Laboratories Corporation and Litton Bionetics, Inc.

According to the EPA, Johnson receieved the EPA Excellence in Management Award, as well as seven bronze medals and a silver medal in recognition of his service. He also received the Vice President's Hammer Award for his work with a pesticide regisration program.

Johnson received his B.A. in Biology from Taylor University in Indiana and his M.A. in Pathology from George Washington University. Johnson is originally from Washington, D.C.

iPods are cause for increased violence on New York City Subway

by Katherine Jurras '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WRITER
by Caitlin Rochford '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

PHOTO COURTESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES

According to recent crime statistics, the popular Apple iPod has caused a theft increase.

The increasingly popular mp3 player, the Apple iPod, has been blamed for a near twenty percent rise in subway robberies, according to CNN.com.

Police Commisioner Raymond Kelly described the nine to ten serious crimes daily on the New York City Subway as "remarkably low." However, 50 iPods have been stolen in the subway already this year.

During this stretch of time last year, no iPods were stolen. Because of the distinct look of the white earphones, iPods, which retail from between $100 to $500, are easily spotted by criminals.

Says Kelly, "It usually has to do with young people taking them from young people," according to CNN.com.

The crimes occur on the subway because of the ease with which criminals can escape out of the subway doors.

Some iPod websites suggest that those who are concerned with the safety of their iPods should conceal the device and switch to cheaper and less distinctive-looking earphones.

In addition to the increase in iPod-related crimes, cell phone thefts have nearly doubled from last year's 82 incidents to 165 this year.

Scientists may have found Mars Polar Lander

by Katherine Jurras '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WRITER

Almost six years have passed since NASA's Mars Polar Lander disappeared while attempting to land on the planet. After several unsuccessful attempts to locate the Lander, which vanished mysteriously on December 3, 1999, the ship may have been sighted.

According to Yahoo news, a blurry dot in the middle of several grainy photographs, taken by the Mars Global Surveyor (sent out to look for the Lander in 1999 and 2000, with no success) was recognized recently as potential signs of a parachute and a rocket blast zone left by the Lander on Mars.

Michael Malin, President and Chief Scientist of Malin Space Science Systems in San Diego, California, wrote, "The observation of a single, small dot at the center of the disturbed location suggests that the vehicle remained more or less intact after its fall."

NASA determined that the spacecraft fell nearly 130 feet, clear indication of the ship's destruction, as a result of the premature shutdown of a rocket engine. In July, Malin presented his findings in Sky & Telescope Magazine, and as of Thursday, they can be viewed on the magazine's Web site.

The $165 million Polar Lander was sent to analyze and examine the atmosphere of Mars and look in particular for signs of frozen water by the planet's south pole.

The disappearance was particularly upsetting to researchers at NASA because only three months earlier the sibling spacecraft of the Mars Polar Lander, called the Mars Climate Orbiter, burned up unexpectedly when entering orbit.

Both ships were sent to examine Mars' atmosphere, and the missions were unsuccessful, costing NASA huge losses in terms of time and money.

The recent photos that have indicated the potential location of the Lander's crash site do not provide enough information for a definitive explanation, but according to Yahoo news, Michael Meyer, the lead scientist for NASA's Mars Program said, "It looks intriguing," in reference to the images taken earlier by the Mars Global Surveyor.

The location of the parachute and rocket blast zone, indicated by the black and white photos, align with an earlier theory that suggested the Lander may have crashed there.

The images were only reviewed recently after the successful landings of two new Mars rovers, Spirit and Opportunity. The ships combined the use of rockets, parachutes and airbags to land safely.

Scientists are hopeful that with more research they will be able to correctly determine what happened to the Mars Polar Lander six years ago and use this information to plan for future voyages.

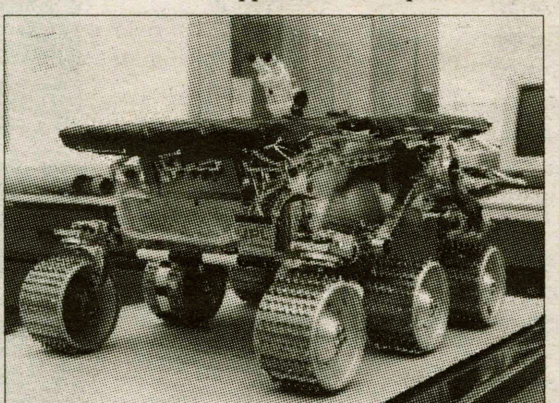


PHOTO COURTESY OF CNN.COM

The Mars Polar Rover, which was lost almost six years ago, may have been spotted by NASA scientists, according to CNN.com. Pictures that could be the rover were taken by the Mars Global Surveyor.

Advertisements

Art & Refreshments

Williams Street Galleries
Welcomes Spring and You
May 7th ~ 10:00-5:00

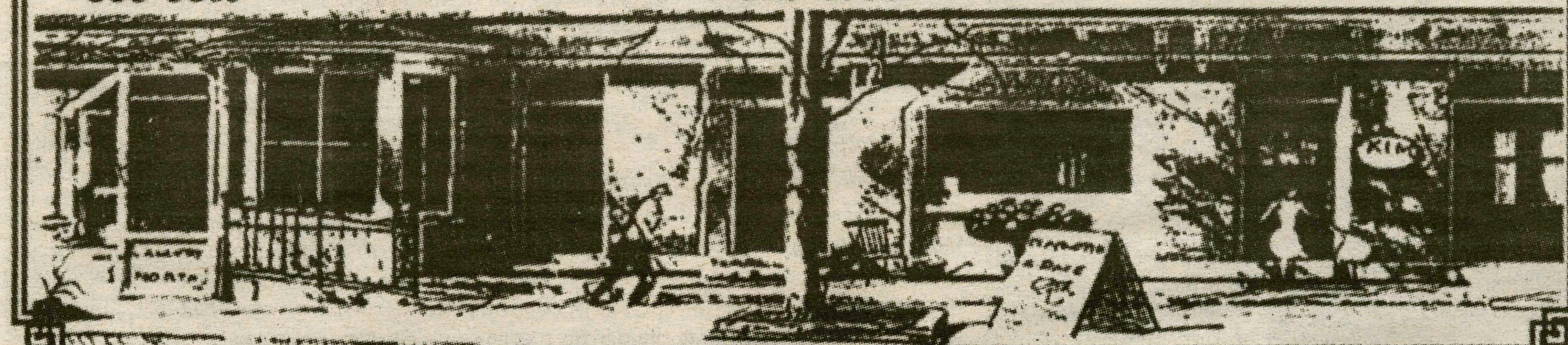
Unique Hand Crafted Jewelry

Shop and Browse at William Street Galleries (same block as McHarris Gift building)
Charlotte Grace Interiors & Kim Kershaw Jewelry Design & Gallery North

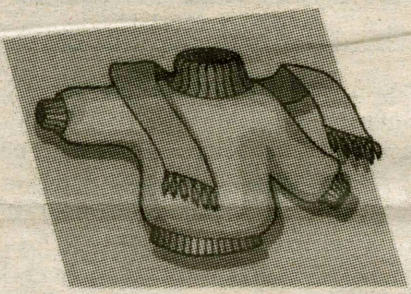
Gallery North
853-3510

Charlotte Grace Interiors
853-5955

Kim Kershaw Jewelry Design
853-5974



Tired of Taking All Your Clothing Home…?



Store All Your Winter Clothing -All Summer for Only $20.00!!*

The Cleaners
43 College St.
Clinton, NY 13323
853-8421

**Storage Charges are $20.00 plus the normal cost of dry cleaning.*

Our storage facility is specifically designed for clothing and is temperature controlled and free of any dampness.

We strongly suggest (for the proper care of your clothing) that you do not store garments In storage facilities that are not designed for clothes storage. Mildew stains are difficult if not impossible to remove.

We have been serving Hamilton College students since 1946.

Call us now to make any special arrangements for clothing drop off.

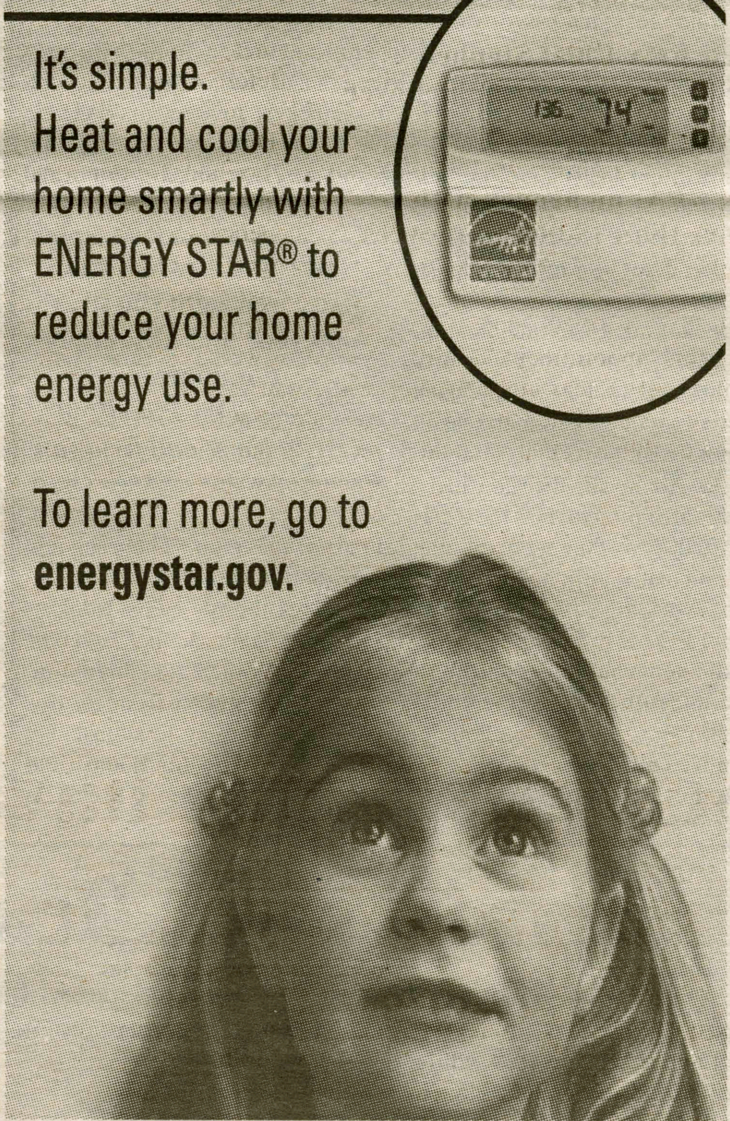
Celebrate graduation in style
at
The Horned Dorset Inn
A world-class restaurant*
***30 minutes* from campus**
Call for reservations
315-855-7898
Route 8 Leonardsville NY

*** NY Times and Gourmet**

climate control

It's simple.
Heat and cool your home smartly with ENERGY STAR® to reduce your home energy use.

To learn more, go to
energystar.gov.



YOUR HOME CAN CAUSE TWICE AS MANY GREENHOUSE GASES AS A CAR.

ENERGY STAR® is sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy.

energy
ENERGY STAR

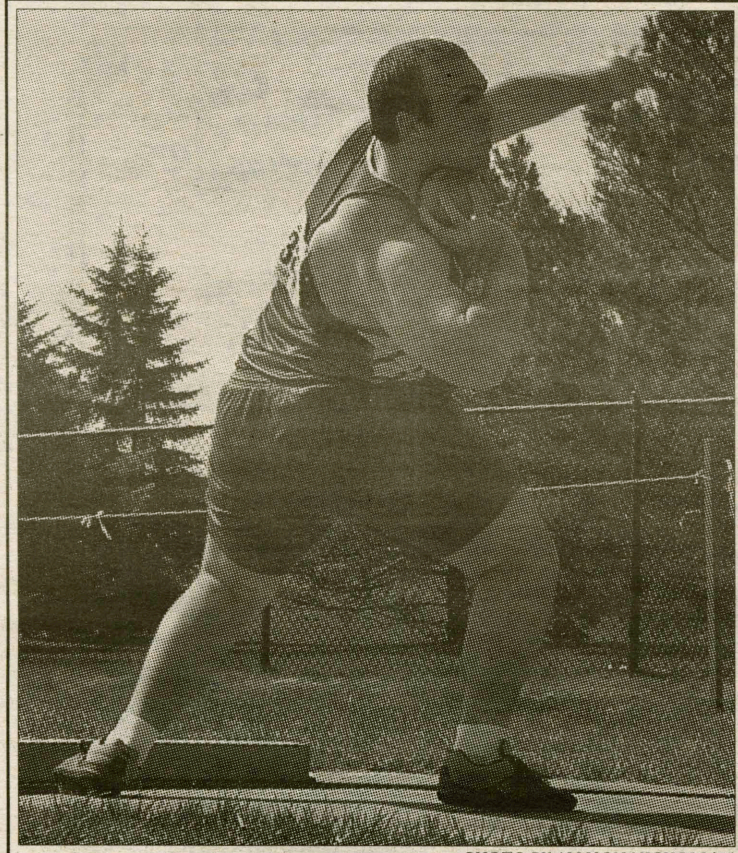


PHOTO BY ALLISON NICHOLS '06

Two-sport superstar Stephen H. Butterhof has led the track team with his strong throws this season.

Track & field dominates

*from **Track**, page 24*

to garner the coveted championship next year as he returns for his senior season.

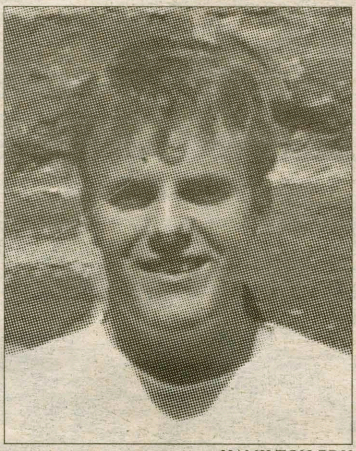
The women's team finished tenth and was anchored by a bevy of underclassmen. Seniors Adrienne Isaac '05 and Ruth Leoniuk '05 each finished in sixth place in their respective events (Isaac in the triple jump and Leoniuk in the 1,600-meter relay). Standout freshman Jessica DeMichiel '08 and Amanda Salisburg '08 tied for fourth in the pole vault, as they both equaled the school record set by DeMichiel earlier in April. The two went back and forth all Spring, breaking each other's record, and will look to come back with an even stronger season next year.

> **"We gotta switch the tires, and light the fires next year and absolutely dominate."**
> ***— Chris Piatelli '07, avid track and field fan***

All in all, the Continentals are going to miss the Class of 2005, as they were an integral part of the team. The track and field teams will, however, look very good next season as they will be returning both the men's and women's Liberty League Rookies of the Year in Claudius Zorokong '08 and Rachel Bennek '07. The athletes who have qualified for the New York State Championships will travel to the University of Rochester to compete this coming weekend. Although this season is coming to a close, we must look to the future, as Chris Piatelli '07, a track and field enthusiast says, "We gotta switch the tires, and light the fires next year and absolutely dominate."

Men's tennis crushes Union

Pearson wins seventh straight singles match; golf team places seventh at tournament; Henry, Reid honored



HAMILTON.EDU

Duncan Cameron '05

by Michael Proia '05
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

HAMILTON ROUNDUP

Men's tennis co-captain **John Pearson '05** won his seventh straight singles match in leading Hamilton to a forceful 7-0 shutout victory against Union College at Scott Field House on April 20. Hamilton, which improved to 7-6 overall this season, won six of its last seven matches to finish the spring with a winning record for the second consecutive season.

Pearson advanced his singles record to 9-7 this year with a 6-3, 7-6 (7-3) win at fourth flight. Co-captain **Duncan Cameron '05** won his team-high tenth match of the year with a 6-4, 6-2 decision at third flight. **Reid Snyder '08** improved to 7-5 after dominating by scores of 6-1, 6-1 to win at fifth flight.

Dan Gordon '08 won a difficult match 7-5, 7-5, at first flight. **Zach Kahn '06** picked up a win as well with his 6-3, 6-3 victory at second flight. **John Pew '08** was a 6-3, 6-4 winner at sixth flight in his second singles match this spring.

The Continentals won two out of three doubles matches. Cameron and Gordon improved to 5-2 at first flight with an 8-5 victory. Pearson and Kahn are now 5-1 at second flight after an easy 8-0 win.

Hamilton will compete in the New England Small College Athletic Conference Championships at Amherst College from Friday, April 22, through Sunday, April 24. Friday's action begins at noon and play begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

MEN'S GOLF

The Hamilton golf team finished in seventh place out of 16 varsity teams at Skidmore College's 19th Annual Joseph C. Palamountain Invitational on April 18. Hamilton finished at 659, including 330 on the first day. The two-day tournament was held at a pair of par-72 courses. Saratoga Spa State Park Course hosted the first day and McGregor Links Country Club was the site for the final day.

Chris Pike '07 led the Continentals with a 158 total for the two days. Pike rebounded from an opening round 83 to fire a three-over-par 75 on Monday. He tied for 13th place out of 85 golfers.

Blake McLennan '07 shot a pair of 83s and finished at 166. Matt Gardner '06 shot a 79 on Sunday, and ended up two strokes behind McLennan. "The real" **Mike Hayes '08** shot an 85 on each day of the tournament for 170. Jim Burns '08 rounded out the group with a two-day total of 173.

Hamilton will have one more tournament before the Division III Championships when it competes in the District One Division III Shootout on Saturday and Sunday, April 23-24. The event will be held at Taconic Golf Course in Williamstown, Mass.

LIBERTY LEAGUE HONORS

Men's lacrosse player **Jim Henry '05** and men's tennis player **Reid Snyder '08** were honored by the Liberty League on April 18 when the league selected its weekly award winners.

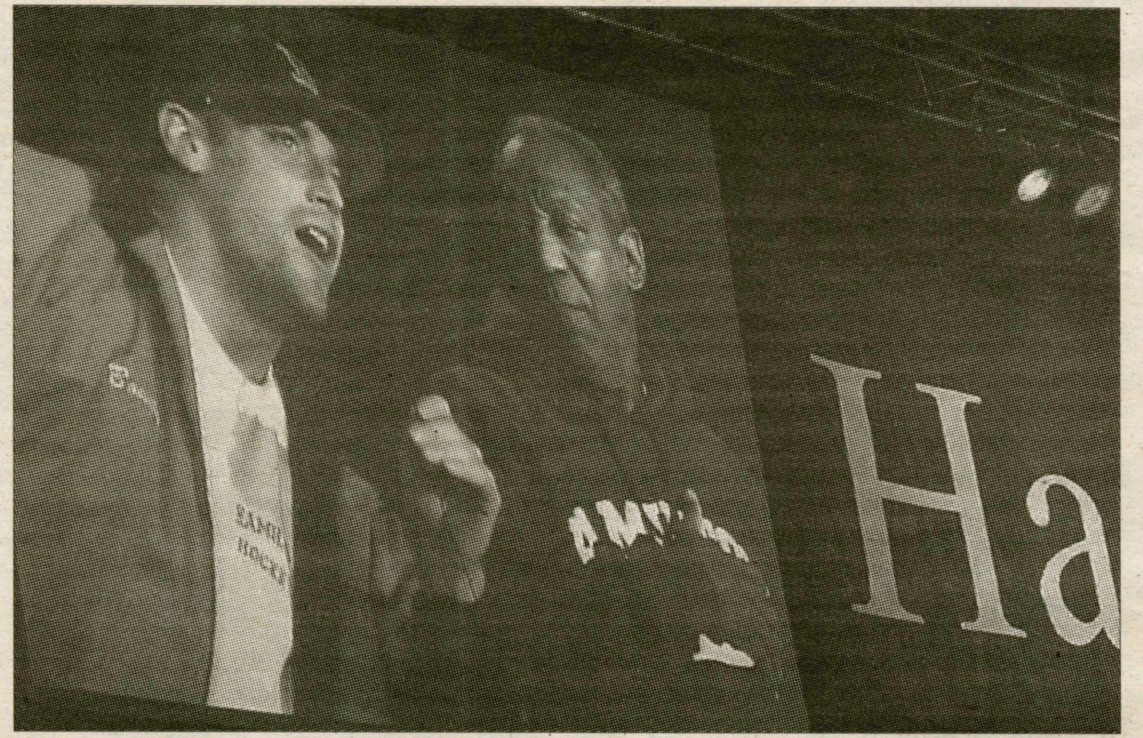
Henry was named a co-Offensive Performer of the Week after scoring four goals and assisting on six others in Hamilton's 1-1 week. This is the third time he has been honored by the league this year. Henry leads the league in points per game, and is second in goals and assists per game.

Snyder was selected the Rookie of the Week after helping Hamilton to a 4-3 win against Hobart College on April 13 by winning his sixth flight singles and third flight doubles matches. Snyder is the second Continental to receive a men's tennis league Rookie of the Week award. Dan Gordon '08 has been chosen three times. Snyder has won five of his last six singles matches to improve to 6-5 this year.

Beat the Experts

Beat the "Experts" is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college athletics. Each week, we will pick several games in which to choose winners, and we will have a special guest pick winners as well.

	Katie Childs *Spectator* Sports Editor	Andrew Dassori *Spectator* Sports Editor	Mike Proia *Spectator* Senior Sports Editor	Ian Mandel *Spectator* Editor-In-Chief	Chris Takacs *Spectator* Former Editor-In-Chief
Season Record:	**53-29**	**49-33**	**47-25**	**45-35**	**0-0**
MLB					
Chi. White Sox @ Toronto	White Sox	White Sox	White Sox	Blue Jays	White Sox
Houston @ Atlanta	Braves	Braves	Braves	Astros	Braves
Philadelphia @ Chi. Cubs	Phillies	Cubs	Cubs	Phillies	Cubs
San Diego @ St. Louis	Cardinals	Cardinals	Padres	Cardinals	Cardinals
Oakland @ NY Yankees	Athletics	Athletics	Athletics	Yankees	Athletics
Seattle @ Boston	Red Sox	Red Sox	Red Sox	Mariners	Red Sox
Washington @ San Francisco	Giants	Giants	Giants	Nationals	Giants
NY Mets @ Milwaukee	Mets	Mets	Mets	Mets	Mets



HAMILTON.EDU

Sam Bowlby led the football team in the singing of Hamilton's fight song to Bill Cosby during the Great Names lecture last year.

Bowlby continues as Marine

*from **Bowlby**, page 24*

has translated well in his new role as a Marine.

Bowlby, who was recruited by Hamilton's U.S. Marine recruiting coordinator Captain Paul Doucette, began preparation for his time in the military directly following his final football season at Hamilton. "I basically just kept up my routines from football and hockey," he explained, "but there were some adjustments I needed to make." His training involved distance running and other routines specific to Officer Candidacy School (OCS), but he drew from much of the conditioning he learned through playing sports at Hamilton in much of his military preparation.

Now at the Basic School, Bowlby has been busy with training quite different from that which he did at Hamilton. "We have classes and tests just like in college, but we are learning how to fire and deploy all of the weapons that the USMC uses: light and heavy machine guns, grenade launchers, mines, etc.," explained Bowlby. "Land navigation is huge. We get thrown out in the woods all the time with just a map and a compass and have to complete different objectives. We've been thrown in the gas chamber and all kinds of other fun stuff like that. Next week we're going to start living in the woods for a week at a time, working on offensive and defensive strategies."

Though this may seem far removed from the coursework and athletic practices at Hamilton, Bowlby has valued his college experience in his training thus far. "I can't tell you how important playing sports has been for me in adjusting to the military," said Bowlby. "We're constantly placed in situations where we have to accomplish various tasks with little time to prepare for it. You have to motivate people to act right away, even if their first inclination tells them to be lazy. Playing football, I used to always try to convey the idea that people shouldn't just work hard for themselves, but they should do it for that teammate to his left or right. By pushing yourself, you not only make yourself better, but you make the entire team better, and this is one of the major concepts our instructors at the Basic School are teaching us."

Bowlby will continue his training at the Basic School until July 1st, and then will most likely start Infantry Officer Class (IOC) about a month later. After completing this two-month program, he will spend between one and two months in the Operating Forces before being deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan for his first tour. Overseas, Bowlby will have about 40-45 marines under his responsibility.

Though his line of work is not typical of a Hamilton student, Bowlby continues to use what he learned at Hamilton in the service of our country. Reflecting, he explained, "I think that setting a high example was one of the most important ideas I learned at Hamilton. You can't just say you're going to do something; you have to do it. Sports and academics on the Hill exemplify that concept perfectly." Not surprisingly, Bowlby continues to set a high example for Hamilton students.

HAMILTON
51

HAMILTON.EDU

Sam Bowlby excelled as a student-athlete at Hamilton.

Time to bring back the Rage in the Sage

by Michael Proia '05
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

I came to Hamilton knowing little about the college and even less about Division III athletics. I knew the NESCAC, had no concept of the UCAA/Liberty League, and never would have imagined spending so much time in the athletics buildings. But it did not take long for me to get hooked into the sports scene at Hamilton, thanks in large part to Chris Cagliuso and Pete Dowling. Before I knew it I was sports editor of the spec, and I felt it was my responsibility to know the teams, athletes, and coaches.

Since that time I have learned so much about what it means to be a real student athlete. Don't be fooled by what you see on ESPNU, or CSTV, watching football players at Florida State or basketball players at Arizona. We have some of the finest student athletes in the world right here on our campus. I have more respect for athletes like Joe Smith than Wake Forest All-American Chris Paul. I have more respect for athletes like Brandon Holtslag than Oklahoma quarterback Jason White. I feel truly honored to have covered one of the winningest basketball programs in NCAA history for the last three years. I feel privileged to have worked for four years for a hockey program as honorable and successful as Hamilton's.

There were times over my career where I wished I had gone to a bigger school, with Division I athletics and a student body that gets more excited for Saturday football games than Saturday night parties. But usually those days faded fast because I could go to the Field House and watch the Dawg Pound go crazy and storm the floor celebrating a conference championship. I will without a doubt take that memory with me for the rest of my life.

Don't be fooled by what you see on ESPNU, or CSTV, watching football players at Florida State or basketball players at Arizona. We have some of the finest student athletes in the world right here on our campus.

To the athletes and fans of Hamilton, I'd like to say thanks for making my four years on the Hill memorable. But I have noticed a general decline in attendance the last couple years and I'd like to make an appeal to the students and community to change that trend. Give up a few hours on a Saturday afternoon and go watch your fellow students give up their bodies for your school. They give up a few months for their teams; the least we can do is give up a couple hours a week to support them. Let's put the Rage back into the Sage. Let's increase the size of the Dawg Pound, and let's get the bleacher creatures back onto Love and Steuben Fields.

I often hear people refer to college as "the best time of their lives" and shake my head and wonder what I have to look forward to in the coming year. I do not expect life to be any better or worse, but I know the one aspect of college life I will miss the most is being able to open my eyes and ears in the athletic center and sit down with coaches and players and learn the ins and outs of my favorite activities. Make no mistake about it, we have great coaches and athletes in our Athletics buildings, and whether you are an athlete or just a fan there is plenty to learn from all of them.

I'd be remiss not to offer a very special thanks to the people who helped me along the way. Starting with Bill Chenevert and Chris Takacs for setting me up as Sports Editor way back in the day. Once they got me started, Charles Spiliotis and Andy Horner showed me the ropes of the sports section so thanks to them. And while I'm on the topic, my co-editors, Josh Sargen, Andrew DeCastro, Mike Osborne, Andrew Dassori and Katie Childs were all consistently outstanding. Thanks as well to Kat McGrory and Ian Mandel for leading the Spec staff so well, and never kicking me off the ship. It has been a pleasure working with all of them.

As important as they were, my work in the sports section would never have been possible without the endless help of the entire Athletics Department, most notably current and former SID's Jim Taylor, Steve Jaynes, and Trainers Scott Siddon, Pat Giruzzi, and Rob Sawyer. I'd also like to thank coach Murphy, coach Grady and Schoen, and coach Torgalski for always having an open door and plenty of advice, I learned more in their offices than any classroom. Lastly, thanks to all the athletes who allowed me to call them for quotes at all hours of Thursday nights.

MUST WIN WEEKEND

Baeseball picks up an important win against Union to end losing streak

Bad weather has forced the baseball team inside to prepare for this weekend's games. The Continentals have had to deal with multiple cancelations due to both snow and rain thus far this season, and have battled to keep things consistent and moving in the right direction during their tumultuous season.

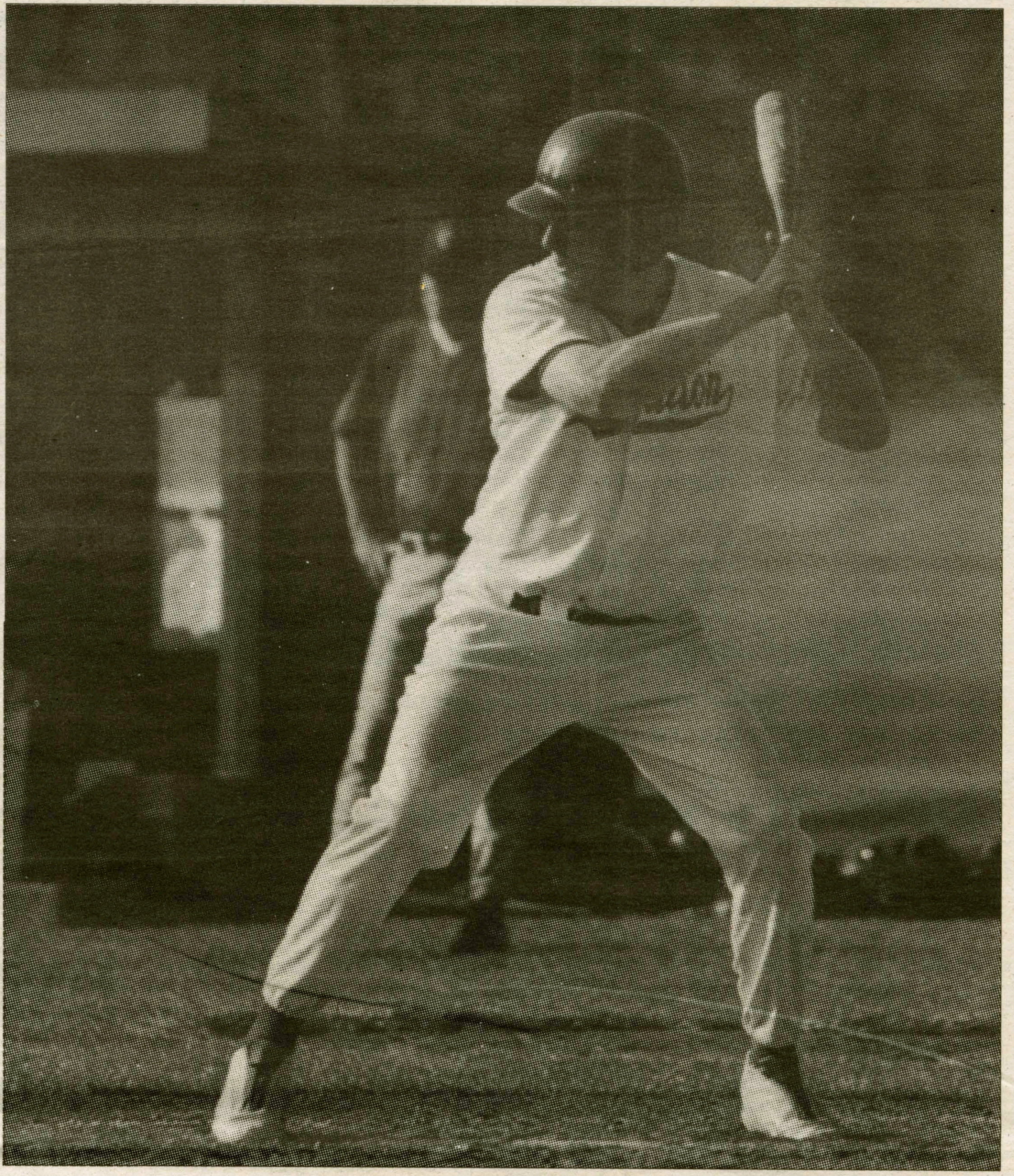


PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Pat McGarry continues to anchor the Continentals' offense, driving in runs from the cleanup spot. This past week his fine play helped the team to their seventh victory overall. Hamilton will host Rensselaer and Amherst this weekend in their final games of the season. They look to finish strong and have a chance to pick up their first NESCAC win of the season in their game against Amherst on May 8th at Royce Field.

by Nick Rockwell '08
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton College baseball team stopped a six game losing streak with an encouraging home win against Union College on May 3rd. The team had been sputtering, coming into the game with only six wins this year. The squad has a chance to carry the positive vibes into its final four games. Both RPI and Amherst tout formidable lineups and will be coming to the hill to play doubleheaders important this weekend.

The Union win came on a four run eighth inning outburst that brought the Continentals back ahead by a run. The team got timely RBI singles from Pat McGarry '07 and Adam Lavalle '05. The Dutchmen also aided Hamilton's comeback by issuing a pair of walks and committing a critical error allowing the inning to continue. Paul Kibbe '05 picked up the win as he went eight and a third strong innings for the Conts. Lavalle led the way offensively with three hits and McGarry chipped in with two of his own. The game moved at a steady clip due to the solid pitching and defensive perfection showcased by Hamilton's Buff and Blue.

Head Coach John Keady praised the pitching saying that "Kibbe really kept us in the game. We didn't hit great, but well enough to win." Hamilton had also dispatched of Union earlier in the season which certainly helped team confidence as they entered the game. Unfortunately, last weekend Hamilton didn't get any similar help from a talented Wesleyan team down in Middletown, Connecticut. The Continentals lost a triple-header although the squad showed improvement in each game, losing the series finale 3-2 at Wesleyan. Those two runs, however, were only two of the five the team scored in the three games, which makes it difficult on the Hamilton pitchers.

> **"We have different inconsistencies in different games. We hit well and then don't pitch well or play solid defense. Or we pitch well and can't hit."**
> ***— Coach Keady***

The last contest featured dominant pitching by Jamie Matthews '06, who scattered five hits over six innings but got tagged with the loss. The superior pitching and lack of offense is a microcosm of the team's main problem this year: "We have different inconsistencies in different games," Coach Keady remarked. "We hit well and then don't pitch well or play solid defense. Or we pitch well and can't hit." This trend is a frustrating one as it seems to have been difficult for the Continentals to put together a solid team effort this year.

The team (7-20 overall) needs a win this weekend in order to avoid being swept in the NESCAC. Regardless, the future looks bright for Hamilton baseball as young sluggers such as McGarry '07, John Porges '07, Pat Suarez '07, Dan Hood '08, and Andrew D'Amico '08 all return for Coach Keady next spring. Those five all rank all rank in the top six on the squad in batting average, with Porges leading the way (.379). There will be plenty of baseball action this weekend at Royce Field, so come enjoy the beautiful weather and support your classmates as they put a wrap on the 2005 season.

Support the Buff and Blue!

Friday @ 3:00 p.m. VS. Rensselaer
Class & Charter Day match-up
Weather: 63 degrees and partly sunny

Saturday @ Noon VS. Amherst
Last chance to earn a NESCAC win this season
Weather: 64 degrees and partly sunny

All games played on Royce Field.

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Senior softball player Erica Gomez has been a vital part of the Hamilton team this season. She leads the NESCAC with 15 steals. The Continentals had a successful end to their season. On April 30, the softball team beat Wesleyan College and broke a devastating 17-game losing streak. The team also split a two-game series with Hartwick College on May 3.

Softball splits Hartwick series

After tough season, squad ends season on a high note

*from **Softball**, page 24*

one more run in the fifth inning, it could not compare to the sixteen runs Wesleyan had already accumulated. In the end Hamilton dropped the second game to Wesleyan, 16-9. Lindsey Eaton '05 pitching all seven innings in the first game. Because she has been the only pitcher on the roster, Eaton has been forced to pitch every inning of the double-headers. Newly acquired player, Hungate, provided some much deserved relief for Eaton. Her relief, however, proved to be too little, too late.

Hamilton also split its series 1-1 with Hartwick to finish off the season. Hamilton hosted Hartwick this past Tuesday, May 3. It was a defensive battle between both teams. Gomez reached on as bunt in the first inning, and later, scored on a Hartwick error. Gomez scored the only run for both teams in the first five innings. In the top of the sixth, Hartwick picked up its only three runs of the game. Unfortunately, Hamilton was not able to rally from its two-run deficit. The squad dropped its first game 3-1.

Hamilton was more productive in its second game against Hartwick. While Hartwick took the three-run lead quickly in the first two innings, Hamilton picked up two big runs in the bottom of the second to reduce its deficit to one. McGilley and Gomez each knocked in an RBI and picked up two hits apiece.

Hamilton was down 5-4 in the bottom of the fifth inning. Thanks to a two-run sixth, however, Hamilton solidified the 6-5 victory. Eaton, a senior, pitched a gem on the mound against Hartwick, allowing only three hits in seven innings.

Additionally, Gomez leads the NESCAC conference with fifteen stolen bases. While the squad had a rocky season because of such small numbers, they ultimately come together at the end. The senior leadership transformed a small, inexperienced squad into an aggressive and tenacious team.

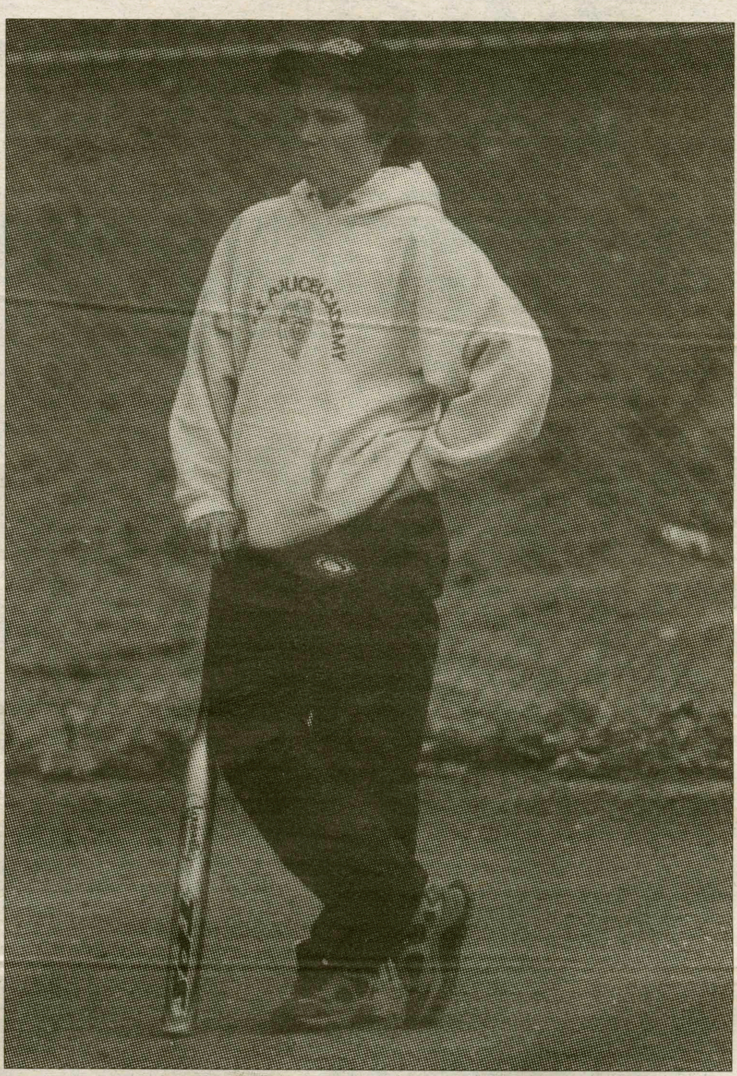


PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Coach Kathy Wilmot has helped keep the morale of the team up during a rough season.

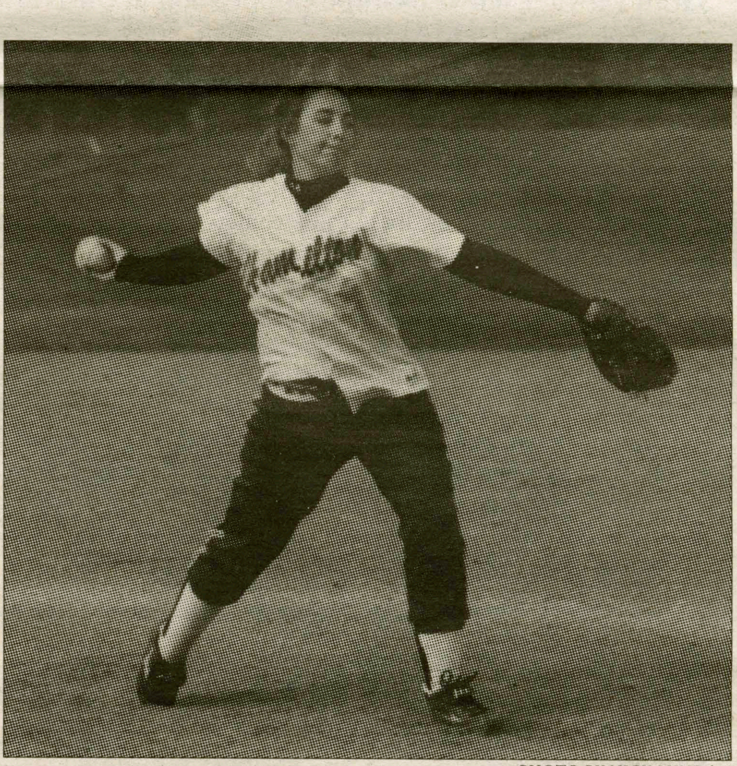


PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Lindsey Eaton has been extremely dedicated to the softball team as their only pitcher this season. This spring she recorded over 150 innings on the mound.

The sports editors would like to thank all of our wonderful sports writers who contributed great articles to our section throughout the year: Paul Kibbe, Matt "Harley" Bradley, Franklin Deleanor Schimpf, Nick Rockwell, Sara Bryant, and Blythe Winchester. Thank you!

A Hamilton College Student Publication, Clinton, NY

Volume XXXXV Number 26

Spectator Sports

May 6, 2005

PHOTO BY ALLISON NICHOLS '06

Sarah Downey blows past the competition at the NESCAC track & field championships last weekend in Maine.

Track & field competes in final meet

by Chris Schimpf '07
SPORTS WRITER

This past weekend, the men's and women's track and field teams traveled all the way to Maine to try and run faster, throw farther, and jump higher than the rest of the NESCAC. While the men's and women's teams finished seventh and tenth respectively, both teams finished their league competition schedule with very impressive performances.

Steve Butterhof '05 capped off a tremendous Senior Spring by beating the rest of the field in the shot put with a distance of 15.35 meters. This is his second title of the season, as he took the crown at the Liberty League Championships the weekend before. Another Senior, Olamide Harrison '05, was the only Continental to place in more than one event, as he finished fourth in both the 100 and 200 meter sprints. Harrison and fellow senior Chris Dunn '05 both participated in the 1,600-meter relay, which had its best time of the season, 3:22.92, finishing fourth. Underclassman Kyle Graham '06, who is the school record holder in the pole vault, finished second at the meet by jumping 4.12 meters and will look

*see **Track**, page 23*

Softball breaks losing streak

by Matt Bradley '07
SPORTS WRITER

In the last few games of the season, the women's softball team has reached its pinnacle. The squad picked up two important wins in its last four games. Hamilton split its crucial conference series against Wesleyan on April 30, and then won its second game the double-header against Hartwick College.

This past Monday, the softball team faced Wesleyan College in its final NESCAC conference game of the season. Until its one-run victory over Wesleyan, Hamilton was winless in all of its NESCAC match-ups. Hamilton was blazing at the plate in its first of two games this past Monday. Jen Sadowsky '08 led the offensive charge, going 2-3 and knocking in three significant RBI's for the Continentals.

The two teams were tied at one after the first inning. After a scoreless second inning for both teams, Hamilton took control of the game in the bottom of the third. Sadowsky scored Erica Gomez '05 on a single, to give Hamilton the 2-1 advantage. Then, Ellen Hungate '08 and Jane Minehan '07 drew two important walks to score two more for the Continentals.

Hamilton's three-run third inning proved to be its most valuable. The team entered the bottom of the fourth with a 4-2 lead over Wesleyan. Sadowsky knocked in the game-winning RBI in the bottom of the fourth inning, scoring Sarah Cornblath '08 on an exciting play.

While the Cardinals rallied to pick up two more runs, it was not quite enough to overcome their deficit. Hamilton pulled away with the 5-4 victory in the first game. Hamilton's win over Wesleyan was the first conference victory for the squad since the 2003 season.

While Hamilton was hot at the plate in the second game, as well, Wesleyan's offense proved to be more dominant. The Cardinals began their hitting spree early, picking up twelve runs in the first three innings. The Continentals, however, began much more slowly in the second game. Hamilton faced a 12-0 deficit entering the fourth inning. Caitlin McGilley '08 dominated offensively in the second game. She went 3-3 and crossed the plate once. Additionally, Colby Bishop '06 and Olivia Frost '07 each recorded a single in the second game. Bishop also accounted for two of the eight Hamilton runs. While Hamilton scored

*see **Softball**, page 23*

Former football captain serves country as Marine

Sam Bowlby '04 is a 2nd lieutenant

by Andrew Dassori '07
SPORTS EDITOR

With the notorious war of 1812 coinciding with the year of Hamilton College's founding, the Continental Soldier featured as the college's longstanding mascot, and Professor Hans Brodel's War and Society class ranking among the most popular courses at the school, its surprising that Hamilton's military history is so limited and unacknowledged. A glance past the library toward the stately ornamental cannons gives the impression of military prowess, but in recent years the presence of Hamilton students in the U.S. armored forces has been scarce.

Still, on occasion, a Hamilton alum will begin the climb through the ranks, and follow in the footsteps of the few who have made the transition from liberal arts to armed forces. The likes of Hamilton graduate and U.S. Navy Commander Steven R. Foley '84, who currently serves as the Commanding Officer/Flight Leader of the Blue Angels flight squadron, may make the headlines, but there are other alumni who choose serve our country without any significant recognition. With all that goes on up on the Hill, it is seldom that we think of the struggles of those serving our country, and it is seldom that we get a first-hand report on the life of a United States soldier. Fortunately, from the confines of his station at the Basic School in Quantico, VA, Hamilton's former football captain Samuel Wallace Bowlby '04 has given insight on the transition from life at Hamilton to the life of a 2nd lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

While at Hamilton, Bowlby played both football and hockey, and received both the Scholar Athlete Award and a selection to the All-NESCAC 2nd team during his four years of football for the Buff and Blue. Bowlby, whether singing the school's fight song on the stage with Bill Cosby, playing through constant shoulder pain on the football field, or performing on stage in a leading role in last spring's "Wipe Out," was definitely a unique student on this college campus. His character, especially in the determination he showed athletically

*see **Bowlby**, page 21*

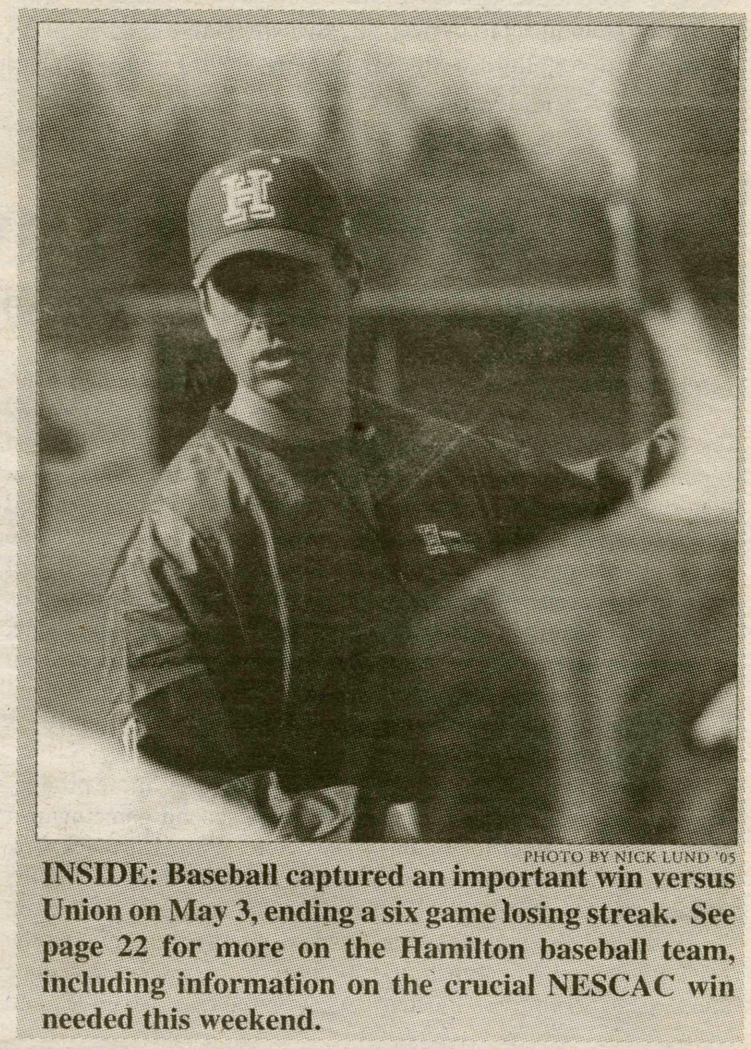


PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

INSIDE: Baseball captured an important win versus Union on May 3, ending a six game losing streak. See page 22 for more on the Hamilton baseball team, including information on the crucial NESCAC win needed this weekend.